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The IRA or Major: who makes the next move?

IE IRA was under renewed pressure from London and Dub-lin last night to restore its cease-fire after its political wing. Sinn Fein, scored notable succasses in Northern Ireland's elections to all-party talks. Even as supporters of the

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams began to celebrate his overwhelming victory in the constituency of West Belfast, as well as overtaking their Nationalist rivals in John Hume's SDLP in a number of seats, the British and Last prime ministers were strongly restating that the party could not take its place at the talks, due to begin in 10 time, unless the IRA

But the indication from Sinn Fein last night was that, if anything, the strength of its brought an IRA ceasefire any

"We have the mandate, the onus is now on the two gov-ernments." Mr Adams said. "Clearly the majority of people in West Belfast are Sinn Fein voters and they have the right to be treated on an equal basis as the voters in all other parts of this island and on the same basis as those who vote for all the

other parties.
"You can't have a situation of imposing an election and then not respect the outcome. The IRA did not stand in this election. My focus between now and June 10 is to try and get John Major to accept the outcome of an election which every single thing which has been asked of us."

He was supported by the leading Republican. Gerry Kelly, who won a sent in North Belfast. "We went to the electorate and they gave us a substantial vote. John Sinn Fein

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Winners

Democratic Party, is a lifesentence prisoner out on licence. He murdered Paddy Wilson, an SDLP senator in the upper house of the Stormon:, and Mr Wilson's girlfriend.

■ John M. ..ichael, father of the leader of the UDP, Gary McMichael, was murdered by the IRA and is revered by the UDA as its greatest military and political leader

Gerry Kelly, a convicted IRA bomber who has been described as the IRA's adjulant-general, won in a seat in North Belfast for Sinn

■ Dr Cruise O'Brien, former Dublin cabinet minister and a former editor-in-chief of the Observer, represents the United Kingdom Unionist Party.

■ Monica McWilliams, a sociology lecturer at Ulster University, will be at the talks for the Women's Coalition of Northern Ireland, a cross-community

boost" to the peace process and issued a direct appeal to the IRA to declare a fresh ceasefire. "The people of Northern Ireland have defied those who claimed they would not understand the reasons for the elections or the voting system," he said.
"They have instead turned Last night Mr Major hailed out in large numbers to vote the elections as a "great for peace and democracy."

"Those parties which have es-tablished a commitment to ex-

clusively peaceful methods will now be invited to nominate their representatives for the negotiations. I am confident they will pursue the search for peace rapidly and

seriously.
"I hope the IRA will now heed this democratic vote for peace by declaring an unequivocal ceasefire, thus opening the way for Sinn Fein's representatives to take part in the negotiations with the other parties."

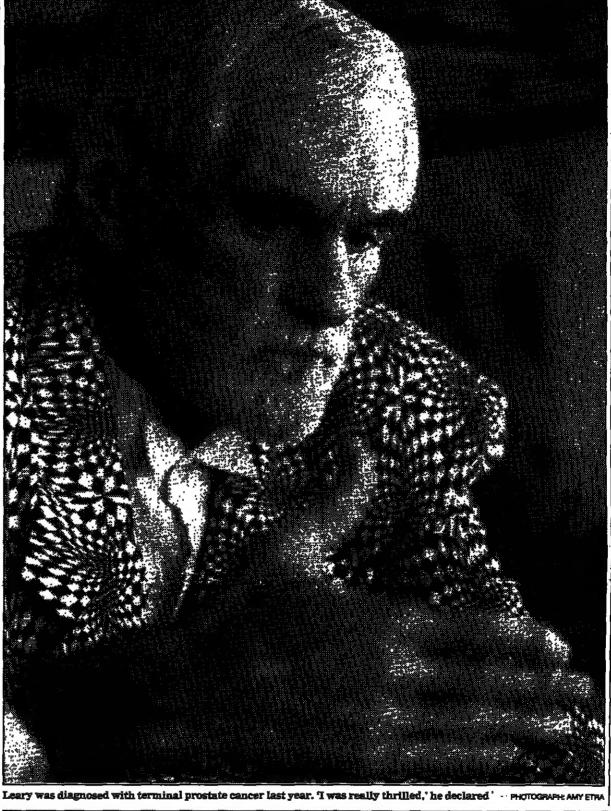
His comments were endorsed by the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, who warned Sinn Fein that "the qualification for participation in the talks have not been changed and will not change". But he added that there were grounds for opti-mism. Dublin is interpreting intense interest by Sinn Fein in the arrangements for the talks as a positive indication for a new ceasefire

The SDLP leader, John the two prime ministers' views. Mr Hume, who played a key role in persuading the IRA to call its last ceasefire in August 1994, said he hoped the IRA would now lay down its weapons forever.

He was speaking after Sinn Fein won 17 seats to the 110-member Northern Ireland Forum. Aside from some spectacular results in individual seats at the SDLP's expense, the overall Sinn Fein share of the vote marginally improved from 12.4 per cent at the 1993 district council

election to 13 per cent.
The nationalist SDLP still managed to finish in third place overall with 21 seats despite losing support to Sinn Fein. The Ulster Unionists finished first with 30 places, and Ian Paisley's hard-line Democratic Unionists performed strongly and ended up with 24 seats.
The election was a muted

success for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who originally suggested it.



'It's just his highest trip of all,' said an acolyte as Timothy Leary dropped out for good

lan Katz in New York

IS LAST words were "Why not?" and "Yeah". Followers of Timothy Leary, the psychedelic guru who urged a generation to "tune in and drop out", would not have been satisfied with any

Leary, aged 75, dropped out for good yesterday after a year long very public flirta-tion with death. He had threatened to commit suicide on the Internet but in the end

succumbed to cancer quietly at his Beverly Hills home. "It's just his highest trip of all," said Carol Rosin, one of a handful of friends and acolytes who were at Leary's bed-side when he died shortly after midnight. "I felt a very warm rush over me at the moment that it happened."

The former Harvard profes sor's ashes will be blasted into space along with those of the Star Trek creator, Gene Roddenberry, Leary cancelled a contract to have his head frozen by a cryogenics/com-pany, complaining. They have no sense of hydiour."

A graduate of West Point, Leary became an icon of the he and fellow psychology pro-fessor Richard Alpert (aka Baba Ram Dass) were thrown out of Harvard for experimenting with halfucinogenic drugs on their students.

He escaped from a Califor nia prison with the help of the Weather Underground, was chased around the globe by United States authorities for three years, and espoused the virtues of mind-altering drugs right up to his death. In later years Leary ap-pointed himself a prophet of the information revolution. "The PC is the LSD of the '90s

After being diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer in turn to page 3, column 4

Top executives boosted income by 19pc last year

Lisa Buckingham and Sarah Whitebio

HE Government is heading for fresh controversy over big pay rises in Britain's top companies after average earnings for leading executives soared by nearly 19 per cent last year. That level of increase,

revealed in the latest Guard-tan Index of Top Executive Pay, means the highest paid directors have seen their pay packets swollen at roughly ive times the rate of inflation and average earnings

The growth in boardroom remuneration took place dur-ing a year in which 25,000 jobs were shed by the 68 compa-nies in the FTSE index of Britain's largest 100 groups which have so far published annual reports for 1996/96. Further evidence that the

pay and perks gap between the top and bottom of British last year's attempt by John Major to quell public disquiet by setting up a committee of inquiry — under Marks & Spencer's chairman, Sir Richard Greenbury — to examine executive pay.

Although most companies have decided to comply with Sir Richard's recommendations, this appears to have Top executive pay Top executive pay, RPI and average earnings, % change year on year

done nothing to reduce the The index reveals that number of large rises. Sam Chisholm, the chief exgives £100,000 a year to the Tory party, plunged down ecutive of BSkyB, heads the pay list after a rise of more the pay league even though his salary increased to £1.37 million. The top 10 is domithan 200 per cent, giving him a pay package worth more nated by high payers in the drugs and banking sectors... It was also announced yesthan £2 million. He also received a one-off flotation boous of £2.7 million last year.

Another media executive, Michael Green, chairman of terday that Carol Galley, probably the most powerful woman in the City in her role Carlton Communications, received £1.72 million after seeing his income rise by 170 as a fund manager with Mer-cury Asset Management, saw per cent, thanks to a large inremuneration last year soar by 23 per cent to more than £1.1 million. There are now 10 top executives earning more than £1

million a year among the companies surveyed. Notebook, page 22; Index details, page 24

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New tint to hairline decisions of Thatcher era

Gary Younge

SAR Nicholas II had Ras-putin, Bill Clinton has Hillary and Tony Blair has Peter Mandelson. But when it came to advice on one of her most far-reaching reforms Marga-ret Thatcher turned to her hairdresser and her cleaner, it was claimed yesterday. Kenneth Baker, the former Education Secretary — nomi-

nally in charge eight years ago of the biggest education shake-up in more than 40 years - yesterday accused the former prime minister of having only an "inchoate

dresser or it may have been her cleaner who lived in Lambeth, who was worried that her children were going to be educated by a lot of Trots," said Mr Baker.

He recounted in an interview in the Times Educational Supplement how Lady Thatcher would spread confusion at committee meetings tion Reform Act.

"She'd get one from the being poorly briefed, she Cabinet Office and another would grind into the ground." from Brian Griffiths, head of her policy unit at No 10. Then sometimes she would open could be quite a nasty process

times this rogue briefing was spot on, other times it was completely mad." The jury is still out on some of the key elements of the act,

including the development of a national curriculum, testing, and choice for parents. Mr Baker said Lady Thatcher did not mind being when she would arrive with challenged so long as the two detailed briefs on what points made were well-put would become the 1988 Educal and informed. "Those who argued from sentiment or from

idea" of what she wanted.

"On the curriculum she did some rather tatty bit of paper on bobbing up and she kept have views, which as far as I which she had been sent by could see came from her hair somebody, goodness knows smiling, Kenneth?"

Inside

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Dunblane was 'planned for two years'

War crimes trail nears Serb president as soldier admits to Bosnia massacre

Erlend Clouston

HE massacre at Dunblane may have been planned two years in advance by Thomas Hamilton, the Cullen inquiry into the killings heard yesterday.

On the inquiry's third day, a picture emerged of a meticulous. lonely person whose principal relationships were with his guns and the small boys who attended his sports

His meticulousness ran as far as questioning one of them about the geography of Dunblane primary school. He even offered to pay in advance for the van he hired to drive, with his four guns, to his target on March 13.

In an earlier written statement a nine-year-old Dunblane boy revealed how Hamilton had regularly pressed him for for the past two years for information about the layout and timetable of the town's primary school. In the week before March 13, Hamilton had once more taken the hoy to one side during a ses-sion of the sports club held at

Dunblane High School.
"He asked me the way to
the gym and the way to the hall. He asked what time certain classes went to the gym and the main way into the school," the boy, who remained unidentified, said.

While witnesses talked of a in Hungerford. "He said that, long held grievance over the authorities' suspicions about when Michael Ryan started his sports clubs, it appears he only finally settled on his act of revenge late last year. Between last December and last February, he bought 2,300 rounds — 1,700 of them the 9mm bullets which killed the 16 children and their teacher.
Roger Aliston, a photogra-

pher, described how his com-

mercial contact had ended their last conversation with the words: "I'm going back to

Mr Allston said Hamilton had complained about pressure from the trading stan-dards authorities. "Tom told me he was shooting more and more, as this kept his mind off his problem.

The receptionist at a Stirling car hire firm described Hamilton's odd demeanour when he came into her office on the afternoon of March 12. "He unnerved me quite a bit," Karen Gillies told Iain Bonamy QC, for the Crown. "He spoke very slowly, precisely, but with no emotion.

David MacDonald, a 28year-old financial adviser who for 18 months was a "very, very strict" clubs, told how the older man had rung to complain about his isola-tion. "He said he was quite a lonely person and it wasn't good to be alone for all your life."

The inquiry heard of a conversation Hamilton held with a retired police firearms instructor in the kitchens de-partment of Stirling's Deben-hams store the week before the murders.

After repeating his com-plaints about police and parents, Hamilton suddenly turned the conversation to Michael Ryan's killing spree shooting the police were scared to go in." After ex-plaining that Ryan was hid-den and the police would have been targets, John Wilson told Hamilton, prophetically: These nutters usually kill themselves anyway. They firearms officers.



Drazen Erdemovic is led into the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal at the Hague yesterday

Srebrenica killings is telling all at the Hague, writes **Ed Vulliamy**

HE Hague war crimes tribunal took a dramatic leap forward yesterday as a weep-ing soldier in the Bosnian Serb army pleaded guilty to taking part in Europe's worst massacre since the second world war, at Srebrenica in

Behind the scenes, the Guardian has learned, the plea takes investigators at the Hague a step closer to the Ser-bian president, Slobodan Milosevic.

During a brief, highlycharged hearing. Drazen Er-demovic, aged 24, entered the tribunal's first guilty plea, ad-mitting to crimes against hu-manity. He had confessed to being part of a squad which slaughtered thousands of cap-tive Muslim men herded from a nearby farm at Plivnica on

Mr Erdemovic's plea has nor Ergemovic's plea has potentially explosive signifi-cance. He is described as "co-operating fully" with his in-terrogators and is "expected to provide important evidence against his superiors", said the tribunal spokesman,

Christian Chartier. Investigators say Mr Erde-movic is describing in detail the chain of command behind the massacres. He could be the first military witness not only to the involvement of the Bosnian Serh warlord, General Ratko Mladic, but of Ser-bia and, ultimately, Mr Milo-

A participant in the sevic. Gen Mladic is already indicted for genocide over Srebrenica killings. Srebrenica but Mr Milosevic is unaccused on any count. However, tribunal staff are investigating allegations that Srebrenica and other atrocities were specifically planned in Belgrade on Mr Milosevic's authority. Because the Serbian president is a signatory to the Dayton agreement, diplomatic circles regard the possibility of an in-

dictment with horror. This is the reason why United States intelligence has been reticent to hand over intercepted communications between Serbia and troops ad-

vancing on Srebrenica.

There was a revealing exchange in court yesterday after Mr Erdemovic had entered his plea. His lawyer from Serbia, Jovan Babic, said quietly: "Don't worry, the worst is over now." Mr Erdemovic replied: "No. no. I have to tell them everything."

The tribunal registrar, Dom inique Morro, reading from the indictment, said the pris-oners were taken in groups of 10 to a field near the farm. lined up and shot dead. Mr Erdemovic frowned and

struggled to contain his emo-tion as he listened to the charges and confirmed that the indictment gave an accu-rate account of the killings. "Your honour I had to do this. If I had refused I would have been killed together with the victims," he said, I'm

not sorry for myself but for my wife and son, who was nine months old then." Subsequent proceedings will be limited to a hearing to determine his sentence likely to be life imprisonment — provisionally set for July 8 and 9.

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European weather outlook

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An active cold front will set off pienty of heavy and thundery showers over Germany, Syntzerland and Austria today, but Holland and the Low Countries will be cooler, less humin and mainly dry. Mai

ridge of high pressure today so it should be dry with good sunny spells and seasonal normal tem-peratures. Southern France will again be hot and humid with hazy sunshine giving way to a scatter-ing of thundery showers. May temp 19-27C from

elsewhere with broken cloud and sunny periods. It will again be hot in the south with highs over 30C in places, but the north will be cooler with highs near 21C. Another hot and sunmy day in most places, bu thundery weather is expected fater iomorrow and

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Waldegrave

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on Europe

Patrick Wintour, Chief

Political Correspondent

that anyone making such a suggestion is living in cloud cuckoo land.

The Treasury and Mr Wal-

terms of our independence and our sovereignty that Europe is impossible for us. I

think the jury is still out on that. It is not madness to say we should be outside Europe. "Of course Britain can be out-

side the European Union if it

wanted to be."

He added: "It is greatly to its interests that it should be in the EU. if it's the right kind

The Chief Secretary, reflect-

endum in 1975 that the EU

Britain is going to stand aside

from that because I don't think we want that".

of EU."



Venables kicks off Euro 96 with warning to players



Eyes glazed like Gazza — after a night at a Hong Kong club

regime he expects to be fol-lowed to avoid the embarrass

lowed to avoid the emharrassment of further photographs such as those from the China Jump club that showed Gascoigne and other players drunk and behaving oafishly. A passenger who caught the same terminal bus as three England players, including Gascoigne, claimed that they were sober before the flight. There was no way in the world that they were drunk

world that they were drunk then," said Paddy Grey.

"Gazza was actually ex-

tramely friendly."

Another passenger at Heathrow said: "I was standing next to him as he picked

up his bags off the carousel and there was no way he was drunk then. He just said Right then, that was a good

Despite the Government's

campaign against yob cul-ture, neither Iain Sproat, the

Sports Minister, nor Virginia

Bottomley, the Heritage

Secretary, were prepared to

The Labour Party's shadow

minister for sport, Tom Pendry, was also unevailable. He is in Hong Kong promoting British tourism.

Team to be quizzed on plane damage and drunken antics as they gather for competition

John Duncan

ERRY Venables, the Eng land football coach, will gather his squad together at 9.30pm tomorrow. as they arrive at their Buck inghamshire Euro 96 head-quarters to ask what happened during the overnight flight from Hong Kong and why they allowed themselves to be seen drunk and dishevelled in public two weeks before the start of the

Paul Gascoigne has already told Venables by telephone that he was not the only one involved in the incident on the Cathay Pacific plane in which two television screens and a table were damaged. The airline says the incident could cost it £10,000.

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Andrew Anthony

OURE going to regret this," warned Ben Davis, barman at London's feshionable Sake Hause chub fashionable Sobo House club. Lined up before me were two glasses of vivid coloured liquid and a saucer of cinnamon uid and a saucer of commanon that together looked more like a chemical experiment than something you might drink in convivial company.

What I was looking at were the component parts of a Flam-ing Lamborghini, the cocktail that, owing to Paul Gascoigne's reputedly forthright approach to Cathay Pacific's in-flight entertainment, has gained instant notoriety.

Wilson attracted

the attention of the

throwing ice cubes

was Alf Ramsey, writes John

friendly. Ramsey imposed the

Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Charl-

ton, Johnny Byrne, Ray Wilson and George Eastham —

decided to take a chance.

to the alligators

which featured a tank of live baby alligators. No photogra-phers recorded the scene but Wilson attracted the attention ing ice cubes into the alliga-tor tank.

When they got back to their rooms at 3am each player found his passport and plane ticket laid neatly out on his bed. Ramsey had been round and left a signal of his wrath — if they did it again they would be out. N 1964 it wasn't Hong Kong, lit was Hendon. And it wasn't Terry Venables who had to carpet his players, it

When they got to Portugal they won 4-3. All the goals were scored by stop-outs, a hat-trick for Byrne and one for Charlton.

The England team were bil-leted in north London, wait-ing to go to Portugal for a Yesterday the boys of 66 usual 10pm curiew, but six players — Gordon Banks, would not condemn today's players. "I don't want to talk about it," said midfielder Nobby Stiles. "I've had enough of all that hype. I just want to let the lads get on with it."

They headed into the West End to a cocktail bar called Jimmy Greaves recalled:
"Ramsey would join in with
the lads for a drink but never
until a job was complete." the Beachcomber where the speciality was a lethal cock-tail called the Zomble and

"Oh, yeah," he said, lighting a "B-52" base mix of kaluha, sambuka, galliano and Baileys and pouring on to it the "twist", an unsightly green concoction of Creme de Menthe and more Baileys, while at the same time sprinkling the cinnamon over it. It looked impressive. I rapidly sucked down the

burning cocktail from a straw. In the China Jump Bar, Hong Kong, where mem-bers of the England team relaxed after their punishing game with the local XI, this bask is made less demanding bask is made less demanding by use of a dentist's chair in which the thirsty recipient is strapped and force-fed the drink by a member of staff.

young men sitting at the bar, who held strong opinions about the future of English football, declined to indulge. Similarly, next door a clutch of video-makers, all male cited workload as an excuse. As the hot juice hit the back of my throat, I noticed a num-ber of effects. First, a warm-In the end two women came to the rescue. Amanda Nunn,

word, Gazza'd.

volunteers. A group of trendy

How to get Gazza'd cause of so much outrage, accusation and damage to cotton shirts and those fold-out TV sets in business class:

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Could one drink be the cause of so much outrage, accusation and damage to cotton shirts and those fold-out TV sets in business class:

"It's serious hangover material," said Ben.

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unnecessarily ambitious. In a Lucy Burne, a project man-In Hong Kong, a Flaming Lamborghini sets you back to a shot; at the Soho House, Ben ager with a graphic design company, was initially less articulate in her response. "Whooh" she yelped, after supping her glass dry. Then. "Ooh" and "Wow" before concluding in what I took to be thought, you couldn't get one for less than 19. He was not sure because he had never made one before in his five years of tending bar, as no one had ever requested it. cluding, in what I took to be an ironk reference to Gra-ham Taylor, "Do I like that." one had ever requested it. "I think it's a holiday drink.

ham Taylor, "Do I like that."

"But I'm not going to take
my clothes off," she an
nounced, should any onlookers get the wrong idea.

"Although," she added. "I
might think about it."

Will the Flaming Lamborghini prove to be a storm in a
cocktail glass or the ideal summer refreshment for those
eager to remove excess clothreally," he explained.

Eager to repeat the experience, we looked around for eager to remove excess clothing. The answer, one senses, will soon be pouring forth from Benidorm to Rimini.

been taken out of context, the most charitable interpretation would suggest he was a victim of his infelicitous Secretary. William Waldegrave, has become the first serving cabinet minister to hold out the prospect of Britain leaving the European Union, in direct contradiction to the Prime Minister's insistence that anyone making such a phrasing as he answered questions live. The full text clearly showed him holding out the possibility of Britain leaving the EU.

Only last month, in a speech to the Institute of Directors, John Major ruled out.

rectors, John Major ruled out rectors, John Major ruled out leaving Europe, an idea floated by Norman Lamont, the former chancellor. Mr Major said: "The idea of becoming a trading haven on the edge of Europe when others fix the rules without any regard to our self-interest is living in cloud cuckoo land. We are in Europe and we are staying there."

staying there." However, Euro-sceptic mounted a damage limitation exercise claiming his remarks were being wrenched out of context and that he merely stated it was legally possible for Britain to be outside Europe. John Redwood welcomed what he said was Mr Waldegrave's "recognition that we should have a debate on

Europe".

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, said: "The infection of anti-Europeanism is breaking out all over the Cabinet." Cabinet

be outside Europe.

However, Mr Waldegrave: speaking on the BBC's Question Time, appeared to go further. He said: "The nub of the issue is whether we are now finding issues that so grate in terms of our independence. The shadow foreign secre-tary, Robin Cook, commented: "It seems as if Mr Waldegrave is living in cloud cuckoo land. Perhaps this gives John Major an early op-

portunity to join him there."
Mr Cook also called on the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, to sign a joint statement as part of a bipartisan appeal to stop the language of jingoism and xenophobia in the run-up to the Furences. the run-up to the European football Championships.

ing his former pro-European views, also said he had ex-pected at the time of the refer-The draft statement deplores description of the beef ban as a war and "regrets the speeches, comment and carwould be a Europe of nations retaining their ultimate sovereignty. Such a Europe could still exist but "if it became clear that there was an everwhelming consensus toons which have set out to insult the nations with whom we are in negotiation. We will not persuade Germans to buy British beef by refusing to ap-preciate the work of German

came clear that there was an overwhelming consensus within other countries in the present EU that they wanted to go for a full Liberal Democrat federalism, then I think better the present action to see the present action. Mr Waldegrave's remarks come days before the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke, travels to Brussels to block a series of directives as part of the Government's campaign.

Although Mr Waldegrave later claimed his remarks had

Netanyahu gives thanks at the Wailing Wall

INYAMIN Netanyahu was yesterday anomited prime minister-elect of Israel, in the culmination of an extraordinary electoral up-heaval which has deeply divided the nation and raised grave doubts about the future of the Middle East peace

The Likud leader was finally declared the winner by a margin of less than I per cent, in the country's first Yasser Arafat, summoned his direct election for prime minister on Wednesday. He took 50.4 per cent of the vote, against 49.5 per cent for the incumbent, Shimon Peres. Aged 46, Mr Netanyahu will be Israel's youngest leader.

The announcement came barely an hour before the onset of the Jewish sabbath. when by tradition even secular minded politicians like the prime minister-elect put

Mr Netanyahu had little | led by Mr Peres, just 34 seats. time to do more than fulfill | Likud has been reduced to 32, his promise to pray at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. the last remnant of the Second Temple, and Juda-ism's holiest shrine.

But already senior lieuten-ants have talked of halting the next planned stage of the peace accords with the Palestinians — the partial with-drawal of Israeli occupation forces from the West Bank town of Hebron. Last night, the Palestinian president, self-rule authority to an unscheduled meeting in Gaza City to discuss the new

Mr Netanyahu will next week begin to build a govern-ing coalition in the 120-seat Knesset (parliament). Voters have complicated his task by spurning Labour and Likud and boosting a clutch of new factions and religious groups. The final tally of parliamentary votes gives Labour, still

of which 10 have gone to his electoral allies, Tzomet and Gesher. The third biggest party is the mainly Sephardic (eastern Jewish) Shas, with 10 seats. The National Religious Party and the leftist Meretz each have nine. A new party representing Russian immi-

grants has seven.
Another leftist, mainly Arab, group has five seats. The religlous faction United Torah Judaism, the centrist Third Way and the United Arab List each have four. Moledet, a far-right faction, has two.

From these groups Mr Ne-tanyahu will have little difficulty finding the 65 or so members he needs to consolidate his grip. But the price could be high, with the smaller parties demanding their share of posts.

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Psychedelic guru Timothy Leary drops out for good

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January 1995, he declared: "I
was really thrilled because I
knew that this was the beginning of the most fascinating
part of my life." part of my life."

A procession of friends and cronies including Yoko Ono and Tim Robbins visited him during what became a pro-tracted living wake. Less cele-brated followers could monitor Leary's progress on his own world wide web page. One day last month his

page reported that his "average daily input of neuro-active drugs" over the period of a week included 50 ciga-rettes, one marijuana joint. two lines of cocaine, 12 balloons of nitrous oxide and 0.45cc of ketamine.

Yesterday Leary still appeared on his web page. wearing a crimson and yellow waistcoat and holding what may or may not be a ciga-rette. But a brief message announced: "Timothy has



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It seems to me that a studio, when being used, is much more like a stomach; a place of digestion, transformation and excretion, where images change form and where everything is both regular and unpredictable. John Berger

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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

Xenophobia: hatred or fear of foreigners or strangers or of their mortg

Britain to block EU moves it favours

Beef war threatens fight against fraud and racism

Stephen Bates in Brussels

IE Government's eef war with the his way European Union will reach new heights of absurdity next week with ministers forced to block agreements on racism, workplace rights for women, and even the fight against fraud in the EU.

In a series of ministerial meetings in Luxembourg on Monday and Tuesday, a succession of ministers ranging from the Europhile Chancel-lor. Kenneth Clarke, to the Europhobic Home Secretary, Michael Howard, will block dozens of measures which the Government has previously

said it accepts.

The tactic will be adopted even if Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, secures agreement from fellow agriculture ministers in another part of the same building to lift the ban on the export of British beef byproducts such as gelatine, tallow and semen.

The British tactics will coincide with the start of more Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and EU heads of government about a possible framework for the lifting of

With John Major saying he wants the framework agreed before the EU summit in Florwas becoming clear yesterday that time to reach an agreement is running out. There are very few scheduled chances for ministers and

together and agree a common | ment will circulate a dossier position before the summit, outlining the measures it is which Mr Major has threat-taking to eradicate BSE at which Mr Major has threatened to disrupt unless he gets

While British ministers have accepted they will not will continue, with varying get a timetable agreed for lift- degrees of enthusiasm. get a timetable agreed for lift-ing the ban, they are working on a framework for a five-step programme towards easing restrictions.

Officials are proposing the ban should be lifted progressively on calves born after March 29 this year, when the Government announced full enforcement of restrictions on animal feed, then on meat from animals under 30 months of age.

The next steps would be to lift the ban on animals reared

Time is running out for reaching an agreement before this month's

summit in Florence

on grass or from BSE-free herds, then on the export of animals to countries which do not have re-export agreements to the EU, such as South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia, so that there is no danger of British meat surreptitiously finding its way back into Europe. Finally the ban would be lifted on the ex-

As an initial inducement to member states to lift the by-



ahead and it will be the job of Eric Forth, the minister at the Department of Education and Employment, to turn up and oppose it

The move is highly ironic in view of the upsurge of what Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, de-

scribed in a speech in Dublin on Thursday night as racism and xenophobia, primarily in the British press, over the best crisis in recent weeks. A British diplomat in Brus-sels said yesterday: "We agree with it but Britain will hold it up and it will not go ahead until the beef crisis is

Monday's meeting. Mean-

woile, however, the ministe-

Mr Howard, one of the Cab-

inet's most enthusiastic Euro-

sceptics, has even decided to

hold a press conference in London on Monday gleefully to announce the measures he

will be blocking. Normally

such a briefing would be handled by departmental

Mr Howard could disrupt

the whole agenda of home af-

fairs and justice ministers on

Tuesday - including propos-als on anti-terrorist co-opera-

tion originally put forward by The Home Secretary will

certainly maintain Britain's

two-year-long block on setting up Europol, the joint police intelligence gathering agency, and will veto its bud-get. He will also prevent

gainst fraud and corruption.

embourg for a meeting lasting

Among the projects jeopar-dised at other meetings will

be the proposal to designate

which ministers have already

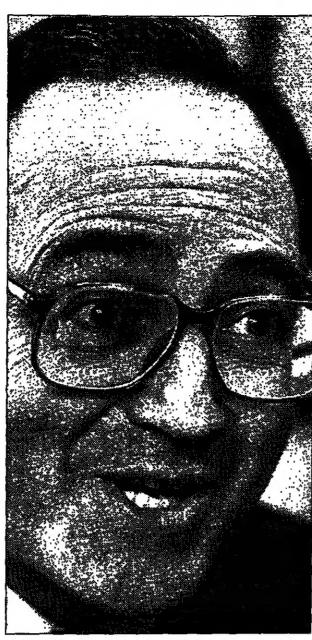
backed in principle. Until the go-ahead is given by all member states, however, the plan-ning of events cannot go

only a few minutes.

rial non-co-operation policy

Mr Forth will also prevent an agreement designed to increase participation of in workplace decision-making, the mutual recognition by member states of vocational training certificates and any more demo-graphic research on populaion trends within the EU.

Mr Clarke will be expected to block moves to improve financial security in the EU, the appointment of a new head for the European Monetary Institute — Europe's em-bryo central bank — and VAT on horticultural goods.



Michael Howard, one of the Cabinet's most enthusiastic

A Great British tradition

politics or culture (from Greek xenos. Editor of the Daily Telegraph strange and phobos fearing) - Collins English Dictionary People like Mr Santer find it convenient to confuse Europe with the European Union, I am a European but it doesn't lollow that I have to support the EU. People say that it is renochobic because that is an insult. There are a lot of people who are Eurosceptics but I don't think they are all xerophobes. Being pro-British is not xenophobic and it is only a small part of the British elite that says it is, I am sure being pro-France in France is not considered

Xenophobia is the tetest word to be rendered com-

meeningless because they are used by people who disagree with you to say your position is worthless. Words Rice hereic,

Xenophobe. They have all

a number of words in the English language that, since the war, have been made

Xenophobia down the years

orime minister (1759-1806)

- except in England of course'.

Robert Morley, actor (1908-1992)
France has for centuries blocked our way to Europe. Before the invention of the aeroplane we had to star

Nicholas Ridley, Conservative minister (1929-1993) This (the EU) is all a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe, it has to be thwarted



Press offensive by pro-Europeans

Patrick Wintour and Ruaridh Nicoll report as Chancellor enters the fray on Santer's side Paragraph and Paragraph a

RO-European politicians and businessimen, worried by the Euro-sceptic tide in the British press, will launch a large pro-European adversion of the media. "Quite a lot of the press is owned and edited by anti-European people and they do go to great lengths to try and arouse prejudice in their readers tising campaign this to match their own political

Fund-raising is being or-ganised by the European

The European Commission head in London, Geoffrey Martin, said yester "The anti-European press in Britain is not even willing to print letters from the commission correcting factual inaccuracies in their stories. They are impossible to deal with. It is as simple as that."

The pro-European initiative emerged as the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke, yesterday backed European ques Santer's earlier accu-

opinions,' Mr Clarke told Radio 4's Today.

Earlier, Mr Santer had aid: "I am very concerned about the anti-European propaganda — and even xe-nophobic propaganda — in the British press. But I am also concerned about the anti-British atmosphere in the continental European press. This is not good for

Mr Martin has hired a former Daily Mail political reporter to use his contacts Westminster to inject some balance in the coverage.

The anti-sceptic Euroques Santer's earlier accu-pean Movement, seen by sations of xenophobia in many as the embryo of the cers, researchers, and a director of communication.

David Vigar.
The former BBC Today producer is charged with day media debate on Europe and prominent poli-ticians like Edwina Currie, Charles Kennedy, Emma son. Quentin Davies, and Giles Radice are now regularly being enlisted to get to the microphone before the sceptics.

Mr Vigar claims the resources ranged against the pro-Europeans are for-midable, their £500,000 comparing with, for instance. James Goldsmith's £20 million.

A pamphlet written by Mr Davies claiming a single currency would save the week failed to gain any coverage in the London press.



Enropean Commission president Jacques Santer, whose xenophobia claims have been backed by Kenneth Clarke

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Prisoners switch from soft to hard drugs

RISONERS are switching from soft to hard drugs to avoid detection in mandatory drug tests, ac-cording to research published

Because cannabis remains longer in the system prisoners have changed to heroin, which is detectable for a much shorter time. Mandatory drug testing now exists in all British pris-

ons, having been introduced on a pilot basis in April last year. Early findings have shown 37 per cent of prisoners testing positive. Testing was introduced by the Prison Service in response to criticisms that many prisons were awash with drugs and that drugs had be-

come a major currency in jail.

At the time, the Home Sec-retary, Michael Howard, said

that testing would "send a Druglink the journal of the powerful message to prison- Institute for the Study of Drug ers that drugs will not be tol-

erated in prison". Each prison randomly tests 10 per cent of its inmates monthly. The prisoner is taken to a sampling site by two prison staff for a supervised urine test. The inmate can be detained for up to five hours and can then be charged with refusing to give

A positive test - or a refusal - results in loss of remission and has already led to many prisoners staying in-

Research has suggested that around 70 per cent of the prison population will take drugs at some stage during their sentences. In some prisons there had been an unofficial toleration of cannabissmoking because prison officers believed it made the inmates more placid Now figures published

Dependence, show that fears of a large-scale switch from cannabis to opiates (mainly heroin) have been realised Over the first year of testing

have dropped of detection are significantly lower because cannabis stays in the system for weeks while opiates are detectable only over a matter of days. While cannabis is not addictive, the

increased significantly. While, at the start of testing, opiates accounted for an average of 9 per cent of the posi-tive tests, by last October they accounted for 14 per cent, increasing to 16 per cent in the time cannabis positive tests Anecdotal information from prisoners suggests that many are switching to heroin because they know the risks

optates now being taken in-

Consumer group says Yorkshire is avoiding long-term solutions

Peter Hetherington

ORKSHIRE Water's £40 million plan to pipe water from Britain's biggest reser-voir was described yesterday by a consumer group as a cheap alternative which would not solve long-term

With drought orders still in force throughout much of Yorkshire, and reservoirs more than 40 per cent below capacity, the company insists it is pressing ahead with the scheme to boost its supplies with water from the Kielder reservoir in Northumberland, The system involves link-

ing the Tees — at present the destination for Kielder water - with the small River Wiske, in North Yorkshire, through a 13 kilometre

Water would travel down the Swale and the Ure to the Ouse, where it would pumped professor of engineering law at have to a through a 23 kilometre pipe King's College, London, facial said.

line to a treatment works on the Derwent, near York, Yorkshire Water Watch, the consumer group, claimed yesterday that the scheme represented a cheap alternative which would mean "canalis-ing" part of the Wiske, with

serious threats to river

banks, beds, plant and fish

Water scheme may be 'cheap option'

Peter Bowler, head of the consumer group, said a proper pipeline from the Tees to the Derwent, which would cost £97 million, could have been well on the way to construction if Yorkshire Water had acted quickly after last year's emergency. The company was avoiding tough choices in favour of a cheap

He feared Yorkshire Water was prepared to bounce the Department of the Environment into accepting the transfer scheme, although an inquiry headed by John Uff QC.

voured a pipeline. Yorkshire Water said it planned to have the project working by the autumn as an emergency back-up if there was insufficient rainfall this summer. It had spent £130 million since last summer on a more flexible distribution system, with new pipelines was confident it could meet demand. But all the company's 1.9 million consumers still face a hosepipe ban for the forseeable future.

raised questions about the river transfer plan, a cheaper system than a long pipeline first stage in a national water Professor Uff said it would be

acceptable only if Yorkshire Water could prove there was minimal environmental cost. And although the company is designing the transfer system, with a view to complet-ing it by September, the new Environment Agency has yet to approve a plan which could only be used in an emergency.

"They can built it but we still professor of engineering law at have to approve it," an offi-

Dead girl's father speaks of his hatred

Press Association

HE father of 10-year-old Katie Dougal, who died after a general anaesthetic given during dental treatment, yesterday spoke of his anger toward the anaesthetist in the operation after an inquest jury ruled his child had

mar Basoo: "I hate him. I have no time for him." Mr Quinn and Katie's mother, Patricia Dougal, 29,

have lodged a civil claim for compensation against the anaesthetist. Their daughter suffered a heart attack and died after the operation to file and cap her two front teeth at a dental

the anaesthetist, Dr Tatas Ku- | shire, last January. She required the treatment after a school playground accident. The Derby inquest jury was told the anaesthetist had continued with the operation de-

spite faulty equipment. Dr Kumar Basoo, who is not employed by the clinic. admitted that a capnograph, used to monitor harmful levels of carbon dioxide dur-Edward Quinn, 30, said of clinic in Long Eaton, Derby ing treatment, was faulty.

Murdered Briton may have been Mafia victim

Stephen Bates in Brussels

BELGIAN police believe that a British businessman found murdered in a wood near Ostend this week may have been the victim of a drugs-related Matia

The body of Marcus Mitchell, aged 41. from Dorking, tions of executions and feuds Surrey, was found under are dominating Belgian news-

He had been shot twice, in spent cartridge had been left lying on his body — reputedly a sign of a Mafia execution, though a police spokesman admitted the cartridge could

have landed there by chance. At a time when supposed Mafia connections and allega-

paper stories about crime. police are investigating sugthe head and neck, and a gestions that Mr Mitchell may have been acting as a drug courier because of financial worries. It is believed that he had no

police record but newspapers are suggesting he had recently travelled extensively on the Continent. He was reported missing by

Teresa Hunter

HE threat of repossession has been lifted from hundreds of thousands of homeowners after a government climb-down over wrong mortgage benefit payments. In a confidential memoran-

an appeal has been heard against a High Court ruling that the practice was illegal.

Many owners claiming benefit to cover their mortgage interest repayments are interest. In as now altered its procedures, an appeal will be held this month.

In a confidential memorandum sent to local offices, the agency says: "Solicitors and

interest repayments are initially given too much. On discovery of overpayments, the Benefits Agency has in the past switched immediately to paying people too little in order to claw back the money.

This pushed many people further into arrears and put them at risk of losing their

The problems arise because neither the lender nor bor-rower can check the calculations made by the Department of Social Security.
Borrowers making up the shortfall on their monthly

repayment are unwittingly failing to meet their full share of the mortgage commitment. Benefits claimants have no

when the errors come to light. In the High Court Mr Justice Brooks ruled that the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, had acted ille-gally when he recovered mortgage interest which had been overpaid to Michael Gol-

ding, of west Wales. The DSS was confident the court's decision would be dum the Benefit Agency has overturned at appeal How-told local offices not to ever, it has now altered its

> agency says: "Solicitors and legal counsel have now advised that recovery under the existing procedure cannot always be sought." The memorandum tells

local staff to write instead to the mortgage lender and ask for the money to be returned. However, lenders have deep reservations that such repayments could be legally made. A DSS spokesman said yes-terday: "Until and unless

there is a successful appeal, we have decided we cannot automatically recover the money as we had been doing.
"We also believe there is no reason why borrowers should

be evicted while these matters are being sorted out."

means of meeting mortgage Battle rages on he bills of thousands of pounds, front, page 21



Gary Younge

THE Edinburgh lecturer who said he was proud to be a "racist" was yesterday ordered to modify his teaching an le following an inquiry by the university.

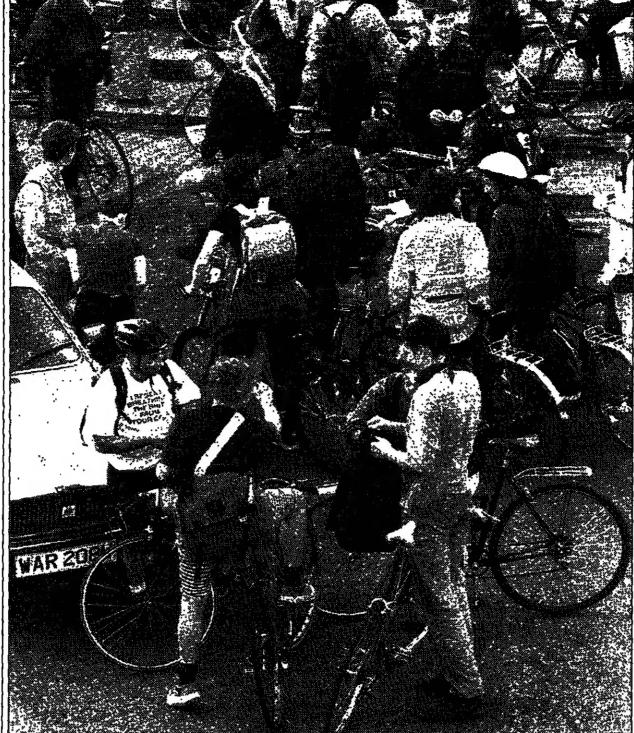
Christopher Brand, whose book, the g Factor, was withdrawn by his New York pub-lishers in April has claimed that black people are geneticall: less intelligent than white and that single mothers should be encouraged to mate with higher IQ males to widen the gene pool.

The inquiry, prompted by everal complaints from his students and the general out-cry over Mr Brand's remarks, found that Mr Brand had not reached a competent standard of teaching where either balareaction as "absolutely ance in presentation or his disgracaful".

relationship with students was concerned. The inquiry concluded that Mr Brand, a psychology lecturer, who has been at the university 26 years, remained fair and im-partial when assessing stu-dents' work. If he does not comply with the recommendations in the inquiry which will include taking further teacher training - be could face disciplinary action.

Students have complained Mr Brand is often insulting and took offence at a ques tionnaire be circulated asking "what were the best things about the best lover and the best sex you ever

Mr Brand yesterday said he had no intention of taking further teacher training and described the university's



Cyclists gather to campaign for improving their rights on the roads

Cyclists ride new high in popularity

Alex Bellos

ONFIDENCE among bicycle campaigners is at an all-time high be-cause of the success of a network of militant rallies and a growing belief that the Government has finally accepted

organisation claims that bike use is increasing for the first time in more than a decade.

says there has been a sea change in public attitudes towards cycling since 1991, when the Government dis-couraged cycling for fear road

While the bike groups formed the Cycle Public Affairs Group (CPAG) as an offi-cial body to co-ordinate pol-As National Bike Week icy, the cause has been starts today, the country's greatly helped by the spread largest and oldest cycling of Critical Mass rallies, the radical edge of bicycle

There are now 34 towns and

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and Technology Awards.

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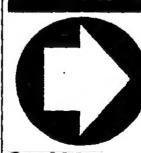
Judges' Award contribution to referision pr ALAN YENTOB

The Cyclists' Touring Club | cities in the UK which have a monthly Critical Mass event, most starting around 5pm on the last Friday of the month and involving up to several thousand cyclists. The idea is for a bike "party" to ride along an unplanned route, not stopping at red lights and making lots of noise. The reality is serious disruption to rush-hour traffic, with occasional violence between cyclists and infuriated drivers. At the opposite end of the spectrum, Sir George Young. the Transport Secretary, yes terday launched the pro-bi-cycle Don't Choke Britain campaign, which urges drivers to use forms of transport other than cars. This comes a month after the transport green paper set a target of doubling cycle use by 2002, and shows that the Government is committed to lessening Britain's depen-

> dence on cars. Colin Graham, CTC transnever expected, the Government to turn around so quickly. I think it is the result of being faced with huge prob-lems of congestion, health and pollution. In all these

areas it makes sense to en-courage bicycle use." Fiona Clark, of the London Cycle Campaign, said; "Things have definitely changed. Cyclists are now being listened to. Cycling is becoming more acceptable.

The CPAG has been instrumental in bringing together an unprecedented number of agencies, including several government departments and business organisations, to



One bitter disappointment when we knew that the eyes of the world would be on us was that the Government was not prepared to allow television to transmit the World Cup in colour. Kenneth

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Wolstenholme

On your bike

compile the National Cycling Strategy, which will be launched on July 10. Cycling has been declining

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for the past 50 years, although bike sales have increased al-most five-fold in the past three decades. In 1994, 37 per cent of all households had at least one bicycle.
National Bike Week lasts

until a week on Sunday and port policy and planning offi-cer, said: "We hoped for, but 200,000 people. Next Wednesday is National Bike-To-Work Day. News in brief

Protesters cut short Queen's Welsh visit

POLICE cut short the Queen's visit to Aberystwyth University yesterday after a protest by 200 Welsh language students.

Demonstrators had gathered on the campus shouting anti-royalist slogans and waving banners against the Queen, who was to open a new science centre. Her visit was cancelled only five minutes before she was due to arrive, after police failed to prevent students breaching the security cordon.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "The Queen would certainly have made this decision with great regret. It was only done on the advice of the police."

The Queen had been due to open the Centre for Glaciology. A plaque bearing her name was unveiled instead by Sir Melvyn Rosser, president of the university. - Vivek Chaudhary

Omega ends Vogue boycott

OMEGA, the watch manufacturer, backtracked yesterday on its threat to boycott the magazine Vogue in protest at its use of waif-like models. But management said the U-turn was in the interest of press freedom only and insisted they still deplored the picture spread of thin women.

In a letter to Vogue's publisher, Stephen Quinn, Omega's brand director, Giles Rees, said his decision to suspend advertising had been overridden by Omega's chairman, Nicolas Hayek.

He said: "After discussions, the Omega company have agreed to continue our advertising with you, largely as a result of our chairman. Nicolas Hayek's, belief that it is not in anybody's

interest to manipulate the editorial position of any given media. "Having said that, I would hope that the tremendous support and encouragement that we have received from the media and particularly from the public would urge you to consider addressing these issues with your editorial staff."

Sex harassment 'cover-up'

A POLICEWOMAN who lost her claim for sexual harassment against three male officers was the victim of a cover-up, according to one of the tribunal panel members who heard her case. PC Karen Wade told a Leeds industrial tribunal two weeks ago

she had endured nine months of sexual taunts and innuendoes from three fellow officers at the city's Holbeck station. The tribunal heard there was a "hidden culture of harassment" in the West Yorkshire force which survived because so few women

The officers - PC Dean Mountain, Sgt Ian Devey and Sgt Paul Fountain — denied the allegations and were vindicated. But in the full written ruling, released yesterday, it emerged one of the tribunal's three members, which consisted of two men and a woman, believed PC Wade, aged 27, was subjected to prolonged sexual harassment which was ignored because of West Yorkshire Police's "culture of silence"

The unnamed member disagreed with the rest of the panel who did not believe the "most serious" allegation, that PC Mountain had invited a detained glue-sniffer to have sex with PC Wade in a

PC Wade is to appeal against the decision.

Intruder's hide tanned

A MAN who sneaked into a hospital ended up scarred for life when he tried to get a suntan. After evading security staff at Odstock Hospital in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and allegedly helping himself to doctors' paging devices, the intruder spotted a sumbed,

which he used for 45 minutes.

The machine, used to treat burns victims, has a maximum dosage of 10 seconds. Hours later, covered in blisters and in severe pain, the man went to Southampton General Hospital. Staff became suspicious because he wore a doctor's coat.

UK fishermen escape fines

FTVE British fishermen last night escaped fines of more than £1.5 million after pleading guilty to breaching European catch regula-tions. The men faced bankruptcy if they were given the maximum fine for 30 offences of £50,000 each.

Graham Baker, aged 37, Stuart Clarke, aged 27, Christopher Mole, aged 28, Derek Mole, aged 35 and David Stoker, aged 58, all from West Mersea, pleaded guilty at Colchester magistrates court to failing to make accurate catch declarations and over-fishing for sole off the West Mersea coast in Essex. They said they had done so because they could not survive within EU quotas. The men were given fines ranging from £140 to £2,000.

Beatrix Potter sale

A SET of 12 silk doilies, hand painted by the children's author Beatrix Potter, fetched £59,800 at Christie's in London yesterday. The square place settings, which surfaced after more than 90 years, were bought in sets of two by London dealers and collectors for around three times more than expected. They contained original drawings from Beatrix Potter's stories.

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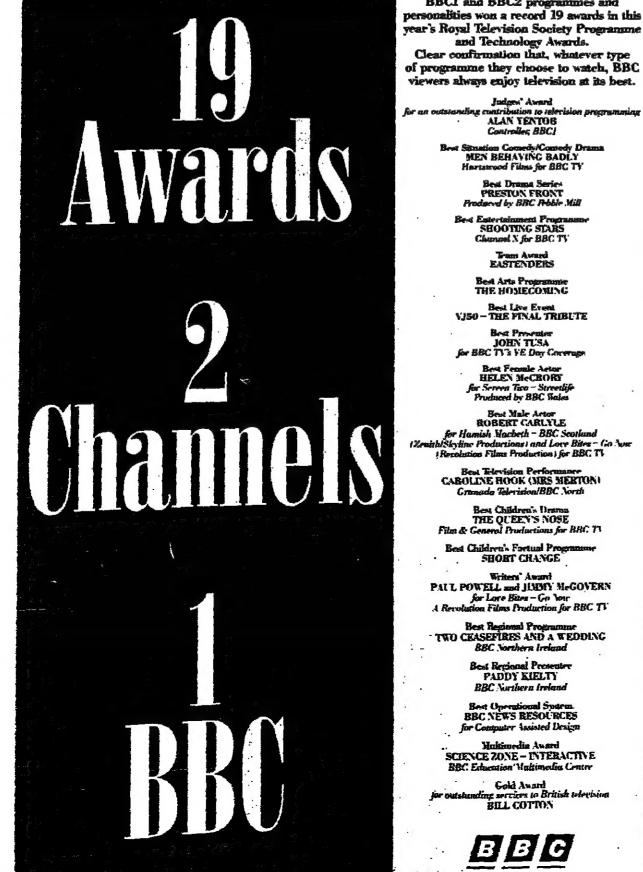
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Ambitious Shanghai reaches for sky

fields stands a solitary fir tree. It had been a teeming Shanghai estate packed with over a dozen decrepit apart-ment blocks, decaying work-shops, and rows of ram-

shackle warehouses. The site, razed as part of a development blitz rivalling the rebuilding of Tokyo and Berlin after the second world war, will soon sprout a steel skyscraper that, by 2001, should stand taller than any other building in the world. Such are the ambitions of a

For the latest report in his series, **Andrew Higgins** visited a city where huge building programmes show a determination to emulate the world's top financial centres

in 1966. It now wants to create a mecca for business and finance to eclipse Hong Kong and one day compete with Wall Street. "Shanghai, not Hong Kong.

will be the financial centre of China," said the Japanese general manager of the £500 million Shanghai World Financial Centre skyscraper project, Tomoshige Yamada.

"Hong Kong was made by the British. It is also too far from Beljing. The Chinese want to create their own business capital," he said. At the centre of Shanghai's

nese Communist Party in 1921 | Mori Group as the site for a and the Cultural Revolution | 95-storey tower 17 metres taller than the Sears Tower in Chicago and eight metres higher than the Petronas Towers just completed in Malaysia.

Located across the Huangpu River from the mostly British-built Bund. Nanking Road, and the Cathay - now Peace - Hotel where Noel Coward drafted Private Lives, Pudong slumbered as a forgotten backwaspecial economic zone in 1990. The scale of a programme that aims to shift the centre of gravity of a city of 16 million people is matched only by the

read a headline in the Shanghai Star. "Shanghai revives as Asia's financial hub." proclaimed another.

According to a slogan plastered on billboards and chanted by officials, Pudong is the "dragon head" commanding China's emerging conomic coloccus But the city, whose former

party boss, Jiang Zemin, now Beijing stacked with former Shanghai functionaries, still has a long way to go. Total trade on Shanghai's foreign currency exchange last year amounted to one fifth of a don. The value of shares on the Hong Kong stock market is 10 times higher than those on Shanghai's infant exchange. New York's market is nearly 200 times bigger. The original blueprint was

to revive Pudong in tandem with the Bund, the former heart of a British-dominated business boom that once

sweatshop capitalism now recalled more with nostalgia than ideological stricture.

The People's Municipal out of its domed, neo-classical headquarters built in 1921 by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and invited the bank Jardines and other colonial era firms to buy back their old premises. Most, however. have balked at the astronomical prices demanded by auhulks of properties either con-fiscated or sold under duress for next to nothing after the 1949 revolution.
"The Bund is too old. It will

make a very good financial centre of tourists but only for tourists," sniffed Mr Yamada. Pudong has its problems too. Despite much cheerlead ing from Beijing and a £2 billion investment in infrastructure, one key fact

remains unchanged. "It's the Docklands, it's Kowloon, it's Brooklyn. It's

ting." he added. To overcome such nurdles,

subway line and a tunnel and has plans for a huge airport to make Pudong an airline hub for Japan, Korea, and, politics permitting, Taiwan.

Sooner or later, the momentum to Pudong will be hard to resist. Shanghai authorities resterday announced that all the city's commodity, foreign currency, stock, and other markets will move to the Pueign banks are being lured with the promise of licenses nese money.

Over the past five year

tens of thousands of out-oftown labourers - little differ ent from the coolies brough in by British taipans to build colonnaded temples of commerce along the Bund - have Jardine Fleming Securities. built scores of office blocks in which has its office at the Pudong. The blocks look im-pressive but, as victims of a property bubble now deflat-

By the end of next year, Lujazul, the district of Pudong designated as Shanghai's new the city is already building a financial zone, will have nearly 50 new skyscrapers.

Pudong is not the only casualty of a building glut that has left much of the city, studded with 20,000 building sites. looking like a war zone Rents, inflated in some areas to the stratospheric heights of

Hong Kong, are tumbling. Shanghai has come far since enforced post-revolutionary stagnation that left one of the world's greatcityies in suspended animation.

But many complain that bureaucracy, the Communist Party's mania for control, and corruption still cloud Shanghai's role as a true international metropolis.

and mythology in this town," said Mr Crossman. "You can't build a financial centre on air. You need real banks that make real money. We are here but this is about as much as we can do on hot air.

Support grows for Indian coalition

Indian politics, the regional parties, an-nounced last night that they would participate fully in the coalition government of H. D. sworn in as prime minister

Gowda the embarrassment of heading a minority administration propped up from outside the ruling coalition. Much of the frenzied lobby-

ing went on without Mr Gowda, who was preoccupied for much of the week with finding a successor as chief minister in his southern state It was hoped the inclusion

of the regional parties would give the incoming govern-ment some badly needed sta-bility, and expand the avail-able pool of talent for cabinet The travails of Mr Gowda's

balancing competing regional interests and personal ambitions in the 13-member United India's two previous experi-

ments at coalition govern-ment were short-lived, due to personal feuds and sudden the vote by June 6.

withdrawals of external sup-port by the Congress party. As before, the United Front coalition, which includes is also dependent on outside

support from the Congress.
However, United Front leaders are hopeful that the Congress will be too chastened by its humiliating performance in last month's elections to risk facing the voters soon.

They were also trying to play down the difficulties of satisfying the aspirations of the regional parties, whose Federal Front will be the dominant bloc in the coalition. The Tamil Nadu parties, for example, are concerned that Mr Gowda would favour comes to settling an old dis-pute about the use of the Cauvery river which flows

through both states. There are also striking differences in approach to economic reforms, with the com-munists demanding a brake on liberalisation, and the

trate the huge difficulties of to agree on a common programme, and cabinet mem bers, who were expected to be sworn in with Mr Gowda June 12 to prove its majority in parliament. But Mr Gowda has said he would like to hold



the US embassy in Riyadh advised callers not to travel unnecessarily and to keep a low Palestinian demonstrators fly their national flag on top of a house scheduled for demolition in Anata village, on the West Bankphotograph: RAAH

Orthodox rejoice in their new-found political power

News in brief

Suspect 'killed | The dam, which is expected to thousands'

The Tanzania-based international tribunal on the genocide in Rwanda charged the most important of its first three detainees yesterday, ac-cusing Clement Kayishema of organising and taking part in

the massacre of thousands. Rayishema, prefect of the western region of Kibuye during the 1994 slaughter, denied all 25 counts of genocide. crimes against humanity and violations of the Geneva con-vention. — Reuter.

50 die in crash

A passenger train slammed into four loose freight cars full of cement in Litvinovo. western Siberia, yesterday killing at least 50 people, an official said. — AP.

Burma releases

Burma's military regime yes terday freed at least 74 of the 262 people detained in a failed attempt to stop the pro-democracy leader. Aung San Suu Kyi, from holding a party con-

No cash for dam

Citing environmental conhuge dam on the Yangtse river in China that is in-tended to be the largest hydro-electric project in history. 30 months.—AP.

processing units, fire officials in Hyderahad said. — AP.

by killing of a police officer in 1963 was executed by injec-tion in Columbia, South Caro-lina, yesterday. Robert South killed Daniel Cogburn, aged truck. - AP.

A man convicted in the drive-28. who was sitting in his squad car when South shot him from a passing pick-up

Vietnamese return After years detained in Hong number of asylum-seekers

Blast shuts centre

Tibetans jailed

A Chinese court in Xigaze has sentenced six Tibetans to up

Killer executed

Kong camps, 214 Vietnamese voluntarily boarded a plane cerns, the US Export-Import voluntarily boarded a plane Bank refused to help finance a home yesterday, bringing the

(£17 billion), is to be about a mile and a half wide and 600

feet high, creating a 400-mileervoir. - New York

India's top missile research centre was shut down yester-

day after an explosion and fire in one of its chemical gas

manding independence for the Himalayan region, state

S THE votes piled up for Binyamin Netan-yahu, the streets of Bnei Brak, an ardently Or-thodox suburb of Tel Aviv. took on an uncommonly festive air, with the talk in the busy shops and restaurants all about the new power the Orthodox have

> In Stelsel's Restaurant, Hasidic men, seated in stuffed green peppers and potato pudding, took deep

snatched in Israel.

Joseph Berger in Tel Aviv

an Israel led by Mr Netan-yahu and a parliament with a record 25 MPs from reli-

"Hopefully, this will in-fluence the country to go in the religious way," said Menachem Steisel, the restaurant's 78-year-old Hasid owner. "They will close streets on shabbos, there will be more education in Yiddishkeit [Jewish tradition] in the public schools,"

he said. "There's a great satisfacfront of plates heaped with | tion that we are redeemed from the anti-religion government," said Mordechai

minister focused almost entirely on security and rela-tions with the Arabs, some of the biggest effects of this week's election may be on daily life as the resurgent religious parties exert their new muscle in parliament to stress Jewish tradition.

Leaders of secular groups are apprehensive. The new power of the Orthodox, they say, will bring to the sur-face demands that have been kept relatively muf-fled under the Labour government. The rising politi-cal power of the Orthodox is sure to constitute a setback

ments. They have been try-ing to break the Orthodox monopoly on marriage, divorce, burial and conversion. Avinoam Armoni, direc-tor of the New Israel Fund, an organisation that works

for greater civil rights, pre-dicted that parliament might now pass a law nulli-fying a supreme court deci-sion allowing automatic citizenship for converts to Judaism who had been converted by Reform rabbis. the Orthodox would make it more difficult for cine-

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paign to allow secular husbands do not grant them religious divorces. Israel's nearly 1 million Orthodox Jews, who repre-sent one quarter of the Jew-

ish population, voted in overwhelming numbers on Wednesday, capturing eight new seats in parlia-ment. Each of the 25 seats required at least 25,000 votes, so it appears that as many as 625,000 traditional Jews voted. But a small proportion are believed to be non-observant Jews who share the Orthodox dismay

The more than 90 per cent of the Orthodox who voted for Mr Netanyahu did so not out of affection, but because of their anger at Labour's entrenched secularism and its growing alli-ance with the Meretz party, which has proposed civil marriage and bus transport on the Sabbath.

spired to carry out the bombing by the London-based dis-sident. Mohammed al-

Mas'ari, and a Saudi opposition figure based in Sudan, Osama bin Ladin.

"No one has any sympathy for these men, they are all radicals who believe they

have the right to kill non-Muslims," said one leading

Saudi editor yesterday Western embassies now

routinely issue security advice in Saudi Arabia. Yester-

day's telephone message at

The Orthodox were enraged when a Labour deputy minister last year urge removing a line from the Israeli national anthem. Ha-"yearning Jewish soul" be cause he said it slighted Christian and Arab citi-

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Moscow to sign a ceasefire

deal, and then keeping Mr Yandarbiyev there while him-

self flying to Grozny to pro-claim he had won the war.

president suggested for the first time that he might win

dates, which takes place three

weeks from tommorrow.

The programme contained

no surprises on foreign policy or Chechenia, which Mr Yelt-

sin pledged would stay within the federation. He remains

committed to his relationship

with the United States and Europe, following Russia's ac-cession to the Council of

Europe. On defence, he promised to

maintain a stronger nuclear

deterrent, and to support the military industrial complex,

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which became the first victim

"The path which Russia is following is the right one and

the only possible one. Only this can lead us to our cher-ished goal of renalssance of a great state," he said.

In style and tone, and in particular his use of the term

"great state", Mr Yelisin was borrowing from the Commu-nist leader, Gennady Zyu-

ganov, his main rival. But Mr

Zyuganov continues to suffer from poor publicity and little television exposure.

The Communist leader's

main weapon in the run-up to polling will be his claim that the vote will be falsified by

central electoral commission

officials, who are beholden to the president's administra-tion. Mr Zyuganov has urged

supporters to flood polling stations to ensure ballot boxes are empty before voting

starts and are sealed. On Thursday, Mr Yeltsin's chief political adviser, Georgi

stitack by talking about "Com-munist armed groups" who had their "finger on the trig-

ger" and were trying to stop the counting of the vote.

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of his reform programme.

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nist opponents.

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RESIDENT Boris

Yeltsin has unveiled

an election manifesto

almost indistinguishable from that of his Commu-

He promises Russians a

normal life, fatter wallets, and the protection of their

vital interests.
He chose the industrial city
of Perm in the Urals to set out

his political stall and received a mixed reception from the el-derly crowd, who wanted to

know when this normal life

His 127-page programme said: "I feel your pain, the pain of the country. But this is the pain of a recovering

Many in Perm did not think so; banners were as often anti-Yeltsin as pro-Yeltsin.

The president promised to listen to their concerns and told

the crowd: "In the last years, we began to forget what empty shelves are. We should

ensure that people forget about empty wallets."

His programme was vague on how this new spending power could be achieved. Like the Communist manifesto it was continued.

festo, it was optimistic about

prospects for economic growth Mr Yeltsin promised to support the national pro-

ducer, to cut taxes, and to ban the system of tax favours for

groups such as those run by

his favourite sportsmen. He promised to clamp down

on the uncontrolled sale of

land to speculators, to contain

unemployment, and to restore the value of savings destroyed by the liberalisation of prices.

The main aim of my pro-

gramme is a normal way of life for every person, for every family, for our society

and for the state, without rev

olution, without upheaval, without coups d'etat — sim-ply normal life," he said.

Aleftina Ulitik, aged 66, car-ried a Communist banner and

said: 'I get a pension of 250,000 roubles (£33) a month

but it never arrives on time. In the old days, we could afford to go on holiday. Now I

can't even afford to write a

letter. An envelope costs 1,200

tle political impact, launched

only days after the Commu-nists', which adhered to the

same principles. The main

triumph of the week for the Russian leader was getting

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Czechs to make Western-style election choice

lan Traynor in Prague

HE way Bohuslay Faltus sees it, things took a turn for the better just as he celebrated his 80th birthday. That was four years ago when Vaclav Klaus's rightwing coalition took power in Prague and set its sights on the peaceful dismemberment of Czechoslovakia and the transformation of its political

and economic culture.

He has lived through two
world wars, the birth and
death of Czechoslovakia in 1918 and 1993, the inter-war democracy, the Nazi occupa-tion, the communist dictatorship, and the return of democracy following 1989's "velvet revolution".

Yesterday Mr Faltus cast his ballot in St Joseph's pri-mary school at the foot of Prague castle. "I voted for the prime minister because be's good for another four years," he beamed. "I've seen a lot in this country and this is the best things have been. Above all for the youngsters. They can say what they like, do what they like, go where they

The Czech Republic's general election, a two-day ballot that opened yesterday, is the first Czech poll since the break-up of Czechoslovakia, the first time in post-communist Europe that a govern-ment has served a full term and sought a fresh mandate, the first time in the same region that the former communists are not primed to stage a comeback.

But the most remarkable aspect of the election is its ordinariness, that within a few years of toppling the communists Czechs are being asked to make a straightforward Western-style choice between the centre-right and the cen-

"If we compare our results with Poland, Hungary, or Slo-vakis," commented the bestselling newspaper, Dnes, yes-terday, "the Czech Republic is the most successful, politically and economically the most stable."
Mr Klaus, aged 55, unloved.

but hugely respected, asked to be judged on his record. He said: "This election will de-cide whether to continue with the reforms or whether to head in another direction." His main challenger, Milos

Zeman of the social democrats, sought support by promising more Klaus poli-cies without Mr Klaus. "Under our government, the basic direction of the country won't change," he said. Marie Kolareva, aged 47, a

labour ministry lawyer, was baving none of it. "We've had enough of leftwing parties. They don't guarantee democracy and under Klaus there's more opportunities." But she disliked Mr Klaus and so was voting for his small righting ODA coalition partner.

In four years the social democrats have tripled their support to come within about 5 percentage points of Mr Klaus's Civic Democratic Party which leads the opinion polls at around 28 per cent. Mr Klaus looks set to win,

but in the complicated system combining proportional representation and preferential candidate voting, he and his partners could still fall short of a majority in the 200-seat

Analysts are anxiously ratching for the performan of the extremists on right and left, the neo-fascist republicans and the rump fundamentalist communists, who be-tween them could muster a quarter of the vote by playing on widespread Czech fear, suspicion, and dislike of the



Close encounters . . . Vaclay Klaus, Czech prime minister, signs the arms of schoolchildren in Ostrava yesterday at the start of the general election, the first since the break-up of Czechoslovakia

PHOTOGRAPH PETRICISER

US to raise the stakes in effort to hook Karadzic

to sideline the renegade Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, will be increased tomorrow when the United States warns the Serbian president, Slobodan Milose-vic, to act decisively against

sanctions. Geneva that he must move clearly against Mr Karadzic. He will also remind the Bosnian and Croatian leaders, Alija Izethegovic and Franjo Tudiman, of their Dayton

peace accord obligations.

screws on," said one key Western official. Freedom of Warren Christopher, the Western official, Freedom of US secretary of state, is to tell movement, return of refufracile state of the Muslim-Croat federation are other areas of mounting concern. The US and its allies are to use a series of high-level ance with Dayton, under which Bosnia's elections have to be held by September 14.

Monday's meeting in Berlin of Nato foreign ministers, the Dayton mid-term review in Florence a fortnight later, and European Union and G8 sum-mits by the end of the month will all serve to keep Bosnia

under the spotlight. Nato ministers are also expected to confirm mid-Decem ber as the departure date for I-For, the 60,000-strong alliance-led implementation force, although there is no agreement yet on what will

succeed it. Diplomats said yesterday that the size and shape of "son of I-For" will be determined by what happens in Bosnia's elections — and that no one in the region can ex-pect an unlimited international military presence. Britain and France are in-

sisting they will not keep troops in Bosnia after I-For unless there is a "proportionunless there is a "proportion-ate" US presence. President Bill Clinton has repeatedly said his men will not stay



Head to head . . . Warren Christopher (left) will order Slobodan Milosevic to move against the Serb renegade

November.

Preliminary ideas are that the US could maintain a rapid reaction force in Hungary and an air base and other limited facilities at Tuzla while withdrawing its ground

troops.
"There needs to be some sort of American input," said one well-placed official. "It should not be impossible to stage-manage something that is acceptable in Washington

but is visible in Bosnia."

after December, although no plete will provide all sides decision is likely before the with the flexibility they need presidential election in for domestic and presentational purpos

Britain and France, still bruised by disagreements with Washington over Unprofor, are sharply aware of the possibility of a new transatlantic row over post I-For arrangements, but insist that for now the priority must be carrying through with

Dayton. Foreign Office officials admit that premature claims by Carl Bildt, the civilian "high represenative", about Mr Withdrawal of I-For is to Karadzic's departure were begin in December but the damaging, but say the Bosmonths it could take to com-nian Serb leader is on his way

out and should end up facing the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

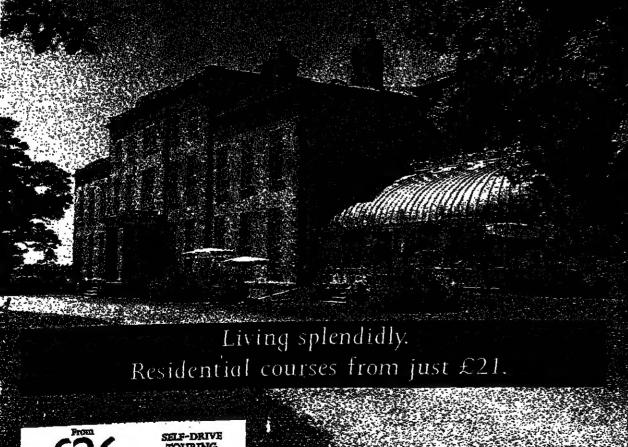
In Geneva, Mr Christopher is also expected to urge Bos-nian Muslims to stop putting obstacles in the way of elections and to expel the remain-ing "handful" of Iranian fighters Washington says are still in Bosnia.

if President Izetbegovic can provide assurances that those forces have left, Mr Christopher could announce the start of a £130 million programme to arm and train the Muslim-Croat army towards parity

with the Serbs.
It is not clear how much pressure can be brought to bear on Mr Milosevic, as both European countries and Russia concede that renewed sanctions against Serbia would almost certainly be

counter-productive. "Reintroducing sanctions against Belgrade would mean the breakdown of the peace process with all the conse-quences of that risk, the danger to the contingents of the Western countries and the weakening of their political and diplomatic efforts," warned the Russian foreign minister, Yegveny Primakov. Some experts doubt whether Mr Karadzic can be sidelined. "You cannot tackle him head on when is he is a symbol of national resistance," said one east Euro-

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Racing

Mark Of Esteem and Mick's Love out of Derby

HERE will be no Godolphin challenge for the Vodafone Derby at Epsom next Satur day after its principal candi-dates, Mark Of Esteem and Mick's Love, were ruled out of the race yesterday along with their other entries,

Another notable absentee is Peter Chapple-Hyam's well-supported Nash House, who failed to impress in a workout on the Manton gallops yesterday. Simon Crisford, Godol-

phin's racing manager, said: "Mark Of Esteem has missed too much time in his preparation and Mick's Love has met with a training setback.

"Mick's Love has a problem with his off-fore joint. He requires a period of time off and will be back later in the season.

"Mark Of Esteem has just run out of time — it is as I furlongs at Longchamp (Climb at Chantilly tomorrow, writes Ron Cox.

Winner of all his three half. But Helissio had been half. But Helissio had been will be sharper here.

High Baroque looks best of the three Chapple-Hyam runners, but Helissio (3.50) can prove different class.

Palace Stakes is a possibility."

Mark Of Esteem, the narrrow from certain to stay the Derby

simple as that. We will try | shyantor and Glory Of Dan- | the promising three-year-old and get him back for Royal cer 9-2 joint favourites fol- Wall Street (3.10) at New-Ascot where the St James's lowed by 5-1 Dr Massini, 6-1 Alhaarth and Even Top. Meanwhile, there were

It looks significant that three supplementary entries made yesterday for the Voda-2,000 Guineas winner, is to be fone Oaks on Friday - Identargeted at another top mile tify, trained by Dermot Weld, prize. He was greatly favoured by a rails draw at Newmarket and looks far Whitewater Affair.

Godolphin can get their sea trip.

William Hill now make Dusmall way admittedly, with son back on an even keel, in a

Helissio can score for France

ELISSIO, new star of on his second start. He got the French Flat season, home by less than a length can retain his unbeaten record in the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly tomor-that he could struggle to

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market today.

Derby supporters of Dr Massini will be looking for nothing less than a convincing win from Wall Street, who finished a close second to Michael Stoute's Epsom hope

at Kempton first time out. Bookmakers will be offer-ing skimpy odds about Wall Street, but 10-1 is available about Richard Hannon's Spotted Eagle (3.40) in the Coral Sprint Handicap and that looks a price worth taking.
After a smooth victory in a

little race at Folkestone. Spot-ted Eagle remains something from Loup Solitaire next trainer excels with this type time, prompting thoughts of lightly-raced handicapper. At Lingfield, Richard Quinn can make the most of his high draw — 13 of 13 — to win the Smugglers Maiden Auction Stakes on Trading Aces (3.30). This filly's Newcastle fourth to Marathon Maid has worked out ex-

Newmarket card with form for televised races

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Championship: Middlesex v Yorkshire

Knight's day as England plan changes

Mike Selvey considers the players likely to be on the selectors' minds for the first Test with India at Edgbaston on Thursday

F THERE has been any progress during Raymond Illingworth's term of office then it has been in making the England Test team harder to beat. Last summer's drawn series against West Indies was followed by a dogged tour of South Africa, undone when victory was within their grasp; they lost battle and war in an hour of new-hall mayhem but it did not demayhem but it did not devalue what had gone before.

The one-day series, how-ever, and the World Cup that followed served to illustrate the gulf in thinking between England and the top cricket nations. A rethink was needed, recognising the specialist nature of one-day crickef; and with the new coach David Lloyd in charge and backed by a selection committee with a greater cross-section of viewpoints. that rethink began before last week's Texaco Cup matches.
The outcome, a 2-0 win, was
welcome even if India played poorly and in any case England, with a good home record in these games, had been expected to do well.

Now the emphasis has to shift, with one-day cricket on the back-burner as the Test series begins at Edgbaston on Thursday. The selectors meet in Manchester this evening and, although overlaps in thinking between the two forms of cricket are inevita-ble, the one-day matches will in no way influence selection for the Tests. It will be a surprise if substantial changes as many as five - are not

made from the Texaco squad. Among those who will disappear, certainly until the next round of one-day internationals later in the summer, are Alistair Brown, scorer of a century at Old Trafford, Neil Smith and Mark Ealham. The probability is that Matthew Maynard and - because the selectors are keen to bring variety into the pace attack - Darren

With the Edgbaston pitch likely to have a reasonable but consistent grass covering, and the Indian batsmen already showing a penchant for attacking spinners (the Chelmsford terracing took a day). England's strategy will be based on a four-man pace attack with six front-line batsmen and the return of Jack Russell as wicketkeeper, although his relationship. though his role remains a contentious issue.

Three batsmen — Atherton

Hick and Thorpe - pick themselves, Hick making 123 on Thursday and Thorpe fin-ishing with a 185 yesterday. Should the hairline crack in Nick Knight's left index finger heal, the Warwickshire opener will join Atherton at the top of the order, having made his Test debut last year. Graham Gooch, an England selector and Knight's col-league at Essex before last season's move, has not held back in his criticism of players leaving counties to make a fast buck. But being associ-

ated with the most successful side of the past few years has done Knight no harm, and Gooch, who met him at Northampton on Thursday, admitted that his game had as cended to a new level, with a remarkably consistent start Perhaps five batsmen Alec Stewart, Nasser Hus-

sain, John Crawley, Maynard

and Mark Ramprakash — will

contest the three remaining

batting places. Stewart, one of

several players who got the message after the winter that their time might be up, is nev-ertheless favourite to retain his place, possibly at three. Although, as ever, it would simplify things if he — or the hugely promising Russell Warren — was considered as a wicketkeeper-batsman, it



Pulling the plug . . . Thorpe, having moved on to 185 from his overnight 158 at The Oval yesterday, pulls at Harris's third ball of the day only to get a top edge; the bowler pouched the skyer. Surrey finished on 477 and at the close Derbyshire were 286 for three

Maynard.

Two pace bowlers, Dominic Cork and Chris Lewis, will will not happen after Russell's record-breaking winter.
Crawley has been short of runs this season, although if the is considered Test class he line Angus Fraser, plus in the should be backed as such interest of veriety. should be backed as such, interest of variety a left-

More likely is the return of armer, Simon Brown of Dur- be risked because of the Hussain or the retention of ham, Mike Smith of Gloucestershire and Leicestershire's

Alan Mulially in particular have caught the eye.

The dangers of such a bowler playing against India were evidenced during the last tour of the subcontinent when Paul Taylor could not

rough he created for the India spinners. Whoever England pick this time they will be running the same risk. Mul-lally, who played for Western Australia, Victoria and the Australian Young Cricketers before Leicestershire, seemi

will be completed by a token - and unnecessary - spin-Kent's Min Patel will be shuttled back to his county on

| Northants v Warks

Undermined by Moles and Pollock

Mike Selvey at Northampton

washed away. Pollock was finally bowled

Tradition, someone once said, is just an excuse for being unfashionable, and there is something incongru-ous about the sight of a crick-eter such as Moles in a com-

His build is generous and

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Follett the foil for Tufnell's

David Foot at Lord's

NE of our sporting delights is when players or their elders get slightly above themselves — rather like Barry Fry apparently deciding that, if he is not considered adept enough to manage a football club, then he will jolly well buy one to run himself.

last stand

Lofty pretentions, of a dif-ferent nature, were demon-strated by Middlesex's last pair, David Follett and Phil Tufnell. First, with unlikely brio as batsmen, they dared to slog the fast bowlers; then they revealed a few off-drives of unquestionable pugnacity; and the element of adventure was part of the day's charm.

When Follett was caught at the wicket, the fifth time in the innings for Richard Bla-key, it was for a modest 17. But let no one mock: this was a career-best and the first time he had been dismissed this season.

Tufnell was on 30 and had seemed destined for his best too. He took three fours in a row off Craig White, one an unintentional deflection to fine leg. It was singularly frustrating for Yorkshire.

failed to score a balf-century and Carr a whole one, unlucky to end an impressive in-nings when the fall Morris held the catch at square leg

high above his head.
Yorkshire's reply to an imposing 447 varied from the cautious to the wanton, so much so that an innings degrim possibility. Although Vaughan had gone in the fourth over, Byas - being acutely monitored as a Test candidate — and McGrath began to anchor resolutely. For the second time in a week McGrath went 40 minutes at one stage without scoring.

But then he top-edged to square leg and it was time for Tufnell and Follett to revive their own dramatic deeds. Tufnell deceived Bevan into giving a well-taken slip catch, before bowling White as the batsman attempted to clear the stand. As an encore, Tuf-nell tumbled for a spectacular catch to end Blakey's 66 minutes of resistance.
Meanwhile Follett under-

lined his emerging impact at the age of 27. As Yorkshire faltered increasingly, he took five wickets for the third time in four matches. Yorkshire survived to 185

for nine at the close, thanks bowled fast and well in his mainly to Hartley. They will early spell, was now warned follow on today, privately for intimidation against hoping that it is not another Angus Fraser. Brown had just | Follett and Tufnell show.

TCCB hands reins to in-house Lamb

"IM LAMB, the Test and | wrong. I'm not in the busi-County Cricket Board named yesterday as the TCCB's next chief executive, will take up the post on a pro-County Champion-

ship platform.
"I'm not a revolutionary," said Lamb, who became deputy chief executive yester-day and will succeed Alan Smith on November 1. Revolutions usually lead to counter-revolutions.

"I think we need to give four-day cricket longer to show its benefits. I think two divisions would lead to tem, and I am not sure that | former Middlesex and is in the best interests of Northamptonshire bowler.

the game. "We need to recognise ness of truncating or dismantling English cricket." A two-division championship, to concentrate talent and raise standards, has been on the agenda for some time, but Lamb, 43, though agreeing that players need reduced work-

loads, plans to stand firm. His stance will please those counties who fear they could become second-class citizens in any shakeup, but those who support change know they now face a battle.

The appointment of the was made by the TCCB committee, which chose that not everything is right him ahead of Warwick-with our game, but I think shire's 51-year-old vicethere is far more right than | chairman Tony Cross.

Kent v Sussex

Gough will also be out.

Wells boils over in two-day defeat

Paul Weaver at Tunbridge Wells

r WAS more a case of Umbrage Wells than Tun-bridge Wells here yester-day. Alan Wells, the Sussex captain, saw his side collapse to a two-day, 10-wicket defeat by Kent and he also faces the prospect of a dissent charge over his own dismissal.

Sussex were 136 for four in their second innings, still two runs behind, with Wells on 45 leading the rearguard action. Mark Ealham then struck Wells as the batsman at tempted to play the ball to leg. When the umpire Graham Burgess upheld the lbw appeal Wells responded first

with disbelief and then anger.
He stood his ground for some seconds before knocking the ball away and waving his bat as if under attack from a persistent wasp. His disappointment with the decision was deepened by the realisa-tion that his side's position was then hopeless, but that explains rather than excuses his behaviour, which is likely to get a mention in the um-

pires' report.
Matters got worse for Sussex. In Ealham's next over the vice-captain Peter Moores was also given out lbw and also responded with animated disappointment. In his next over Ealham had Ian Salis-

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bury lbw before going on to dismiss Danny Law and Ed Giddins in a five-for-27 spell in 9.2 overs. Law, like a numher of Sussex players, wears a bandanna at the back of his helmet. They look like legion-

naires trying to forget. Sussex lost their last six wickets for 28 runs in 10 overs and were all out for 164. Kent, who now top the champion-ship, needed only 21 balls to score the 27 runs needed for victory, their third this sea-son. This was Sussex's eventh defeat in 12 matches in all cricket and they have had only one victory over

first-class opposition. As the players left the field at the end of the match Wells and Burgess were seen in heated discussion. There may have been a height doubt over the delivery that did for Wells, and Moores was clearly well down the pitch when he was struck. But even if Burgess's judgment was flawed it does not excuse Sus-sex from playing some horrid cricket over the past two

days.
Yesterday started well for them when they dismissed Steve Marsh with the day's first ball. Marsh might count himself unlucky because officially this over, carried over from the previous day, did not exist in the scorer's book. Today and Monday will cer-tainly not exist so far as this match is concerned.

Spiring rises

to high degree

EUBEN SPIRING scored his maiden championship

century as Worcestershire

reached their highest total of

the season, 431 at New Road; he hit 144 off 332 balls. Spir-

ing, son of the former Liver-

pool midfielder Peter, aban-

doned a degree course at

Durham to concentrate on

cricket. Hampshire are 152

for four in reply, with John Stephenson unbeaten on 68.

David Lloyd, England's

coach, waited a day and a half

to watch Durham's fast bowler

Simon Brown, then left before

he took two of his three for 62

Durham carried on to 455, with

the nightwatchman Melvyn

Betts hitting a career-best 46.

At 194 for seven Nottingham-

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Scoreboard

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H C Russell a Hegg b Martin 30

M C J Ball c & b Elworthy 11

A M Smith b Elworthy 11

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C A Walsh not out 15

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C J Adams e Julian b Lowes
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M P Speight b Publips
'A P Wells tow b Eathurn
N J Lerham c Marsh b McCague
D R C Law c Hooper b Eathurn
J R C Law c Hooper b Eathurn
I D K Satisbury tow b Eathurn
V C Drakes c McCague b Phillips
P W Jarvis not out

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TR J Blakey c Tuinell b Follet
A C Morris c Brown b Follet
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Mike Atherson eased himself back into form before next week's first Test against India with his third championship hall-century as Lancashire took control at Old Trafford. The England captain hit an unbeaten S as Lancashire took control at Old Trafford. The England captain hit an unbeaten S as Lancashire moved to 134 for one after dismissing Gloucestershire for 270. He did not distinguish himself in the Testes Trophy but he now has 314 champloneship runs at an average of almost 45.

Alterion shared an opening stand of 76 with Nick Speak (44), then added an subroken 39 with John Crawley (21), who will be hoping to impress the England skupper and his co-selection tomorrow.

Lancashire had earlier struggled to impose themselves while Mark Alleyne and Jack Russell (60) were extending their stuth-wecket stand to 138.

When the South African Steve Elevorthy four to 80 and Peter Martin (three for 45) were given the second new ball the last three wickets felt for 34.

Alleyne was on 96 and in sight of his first champlonship century this session when he edged Elworthy behind, although the had earlier enjoyed planty of tuck with four escapes.

OLES and Pollock sounds like the sort of glamorous alliance which is plucked from the Yellow Pages when drains need rodding Instead, Andy Moles and Shaun Pollock, old Warwickshire pro and South African youngblood, blocked Northamptonshire's way to a substantial first-innings lead with a sixth-wicket partner ship of 194, when it had looked, at 118 for five, as if Warwickshire would be

by Curily Ambrose, armed with the second new ball, for 107 — his maiden first-class century - but Moles, who had batted for an hour on Thursday evening, continued on his own unflustered way all day yesterday and was still there at the close, having made 160 of Warwickshire's 360 for six, a lead of 46.

puter-age, whizzo side like Warwickshire.

he has the mobility of a coal harge. But in a modern world of batsmen as flash as a Lottery winner's Ferrari, he gets overlooked as someone who, in timeless fashion, can actually put an innings together. There are few better openers around.

second championship match in 11 months, an Achilles injury last year having been followed by a sprained ankle at the start of this season. It was a classical effort and chanceless, except for a close call on 83 when a throw from extracover just missed the stumps as he misjudged Russell Warren's agility. Pollock had never previ-

ously passed 74. In the winter he had played some robust innings against England, but this was more in keeping with the situation, occupying 3% hours and containing only a single chance, on 57, when David Ripley made a hash of a stumping chance off Rob Bailey's off-spin. Pollock's innings contained nine bound-aries, including the off-side flat-bat that greeted the new ball and brought up his century. His county honeymoon

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Old Bill still makes the traditional hand crafted barrels. We've never used them but he's doing a roaring trade down at the local garden centre.



David Lacey on the political manoevres behind the first co-hosting of the World Cup in 2002

Japan must share with Koreans

first time the tournament will have been hosted jointly. The Fifa executive. tively snubbed its 80-year-old president Joao Havelange by deciding to split the event becountry they colonised from

lange, who has maintained an autocratic control of Fifa's affairs for the past 22 years. de-clared that co-hosting would not be an option so long as he remained president. But under pressure from the 21-man Fifa executive he was

APAN and South forced to persuade Shuni-Korea will share the chiro Okano, the leader of Ja-2002 World Cup. the pan's 2002 bid, to accept the idea of sharing the 32-nation tournament.

The man behind the compromise was Sweden's Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa and Havelange's challenger for the Fifa presidency. tween the Japanese and the Johansson has been busily working behind the scenes and an agreement was reached in Zurich late on Thursday night; all eight European delegates on the ex-ecutive backed his initiative. lange has had to admit defeat. Yet it was only after talking to members of the executive

port for Japan having a World | he said. "What will happen in | patterns, his banning of Pele! had reached four World Cap Cup to itself was untenable.

"I was in the position of a treatment," he admitted. When you have a fever you have to take your temperature. I took the temperature of the entire executive. When I had done so I presented a proposal [to co-host] which was accepted unanimously."
Havelange insisted that he still had Fifa's unanimous

support, but refused to discuss his future after 1998, when he will have to decide either to retire as president or face a challenge from

"The discussion was about the World Cup finals in 2002,"

1998 was not on the agenda."

best hope of thwarting Japan for the 2002 World Cup, as it did for the 1988 Olympic Games, lay in an anti-Havelange vote. Chung Mong-joon, the pres-

ident of the South Korean football federation and Asian vice-president of Fifa, is a Johansson supporter and became a fierce critic of Havelange. He was upset when the Fifa president had allowed himself to be feted in Nigeria at the time of the execution of the author Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other human-rights

tournaments proper. Japan

was nothing more than a Brazilian inter-family dispute, and more recently his unilat-eral promise of the 2006 World Cup to Africa which immediately upstaged Germany's This is the worst-case scenario," said Kenji Mori, the bid, may also have cost him managing director of Japan's

draw in Las Vegas after what

For South Korea, which has

European support.

major triumph.

campaign, Fifa's decision is a All along the Koreans had argued that though the Japa-nese might be able to offer wealth and technical knowhow, theirs was the stronger

from the 1994 World Cup pone so far. "This is a victor; for us and a loss for Japan." said Kim

had to watch Japan set the pace with a slick six-year

Ga-young, a member of Havelange... snubbed Korea's bidding committee.

South Korea have different economies, different currencies and different policing the 21st century, especially as policies. Seoul and Tokyo are communist North Korea, famtwo hours' flying time apart. a mere flea-hop compared 1966 tournament, may now with the distances involved in | want to gate-crash the party



plication of immigration

The European Champion-ship in 2000 is to be shared by Logistically, a shared ship in 2000 is to be shared by World Cup poses unprece Holland and Belgium, but dented problems. Japan and that will be a relatively simple operation compared with the first World Cup of ous conquerors of Italy in the 1966 tournament, may now

Martyn up by Everton catcalls pierce g

IGEL MARTYN, the former England international goalkeeper, is poised to leave Crystal Palace only a week after the club failed to win promotion to the Premiership. He is being courted by Everton, who have already opened preliminary negotiations with the London club.

Although the 29-year-old Martyn signed a new four-year contract only last season, he insisted on a clause guaranteeing an immediate move if any club met an asking price of £1.5 million.

Martyn, currently on holiday, has told Palace's manager Dave Bassett that he wants to play Premier-ship football next season to enhance his chance of an England recall.
With the veteran Welsh

man Neville Southall still to accept the offer of a two-year contract. Everton's keeper is increasingly apparent. Southall's longterm understudy Jason Kearton will leave on a free transfer this summer.

Craig Short's Everton career may well be over. less than 12 months after Derby County. Leeds are believed to want to include the experienced defender in the £3.5 million deal that will take the Gary Speed to Everton when he returns from honeymoon in 10

Derby are set to add the back Jacob Laursen to their foreign legion. The Pre-miership newcomers, who on Thursday signed the Croatian midfielder Aljosa Asanovic, have agreed a fee of £500,000 with Silkeborg for Laursen, capped 11

Barry Fry yesterday became owner-manager of Peterborough after a deal reputedly worth £500,000. Mick Halsall, the club's former manager, becomes first-team coach. Trevor Haylett adds:

Wales's manager Bobby Gould has dispensed with a sweeper to employ a goalseeking foursome in San Marino in their opening World Cup qualifier tomor-

Dean Saunders returns alongside Mark Hughes, and with Ryan Giggs intent ambitions after his Double success with Manchester United there is a sharp edge to the side. Marcus Brown ing of Bristol Rovers wins his first cap with orders to make it an attacking five on occasion.
"We want Marcus to

make runs from deep, and he can do it because he is a good box-to-box player,' xplained Gould. 'Hopefully if our game plan works, our box will be the halfway line."

Four years ago Wales took their qualifying effort to the very last game, when a missed penalty against Romania cost them dear. With Holland, Belgium and Turkey the serious group contenders now, it will h even more difficult to

achieve that final step.

WALES: Southall (Everton): Bower (Norwich), Melville (Sundarland), Coleman (Blackburn). Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday). Morne (Everton). Statistical (Charlon), Megica (Chelson), Samuders (Galabasary), Ginge (Man Utd).

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Four in fight for FA top job

HERE were four candidates for one of the top jobs in English football when nominations for the post of Football Association chairman, currently held by Sir Bert Millicbip,

closed yesterday. Favourite to get the job is Geoff Thompson, 50, the youngest member of the FA International committee, and the FA Council mem-ber for Sheffield and Hal-lamshire. But he will face stiff competition from Keith Wiseman, 51, a direc-tor of Southampton and of the disciplinary commit-tee, as well as from Sir David Hill-Wood, 69, part of

Although the job is un-paid; the past three holders have received knighthoods. The chairman is elected by the 88-strong FA Council and his task is to unite the always very balanced, always sia Dormund, Ottmar Hitz-various levels of the game, comfortable on the ball." feld, to comment that of all from Premier League to In a camp with its fair his players "only Sammer" press British interests abroad. The elections will take place on July 11 at the summer meeting of the FA Conneil after Euro 96. Stan Collymore may take

Nottingham Forest to the High Court in an attempt to receive a £425,000 cut of the 28.5 million British record fee paid by Liverpool. Collymore insists he is entitled to five per cent of the fee because he did not ask

Michael Walker on Germany's 'star' player, a defender praised by Jürgen Klinsmann and dubbed the new Beckenbauer

Play it again Sammer

T WAS easy to tell that sweeper from midfielder is rel-John Major had thrown his car in again. The 28-year-old takes such praise world's second biggest football tournament was less than a fortnight away but, deep in the heart of Van Mor-rison country on the leafy edge of Belfast Lough, Jürgen Klinsmann answered ques-tions about British beef, Brit-ish heer and helatedly Ger. ish beer and, belatedly, Ger-

Always the diplomat, Klinsmann said he would eat the highly effective chairman first, drink the second and that he subscribed to Berti Vogts's new attacking views the Arsenal dynasty and cally described Germany's currently chairman of the capacity for going forward; currently chairman of the FA finance committee, and from Dave Richards, the chairman of Sheffield fence that he actually singled

anyone out.

"In Matthias Sammer,"
said Klinsmann, "we have a
sweeper who plays in a very
modern way, one who is able
to move into midfield, who is

cal tension and one that had been attacked with vitriol by Lothar Matthaus this week German Footballer of the Year and - in a country futilely obsessed with finding the new Franz Beckenbauer — the latest incumbent of Der

it that Sammer is the one most worthy of the comparison, even though his conversion to

with a "So what?" shrug of the shoulders. Time and again he repeats his belief that the portant than the sum of its individuals. feature in Euro 96 he admired or feared, Sammer replied: "I

have a theory about this. What use is one star? You could take the one star player from each of the 16 teams and together they would still not beat the team that wins the tournament, which I hope is

happy in the position, but that is not the most important thing, the team is." Such views have become his trademark in Germany and prompted his coach at Borus-

Such emphasis on the tea versus the individual should not be interpreted as self-dep-He totally sure of himself and his opinions and consequently has a reputation as a stirrer. Only recently he and his Dortmund team-mates Stefan Reuter and Steffen Freund were rebelling and preparing to leave the Ger man champions, until persuaded to stay by a new finan cial package. Sammer referred to this and a niggling thigh injury when he said

league were full of stress." He enjoyed the week-long calm of Belfast all the more. tially and only became animated at Windsor Park on Wednesday night. There he sat beside his great friend Reuter outside the dug-out, waving and pointing, a man

The last few weeks of the

do with his languid assurance, and Sammer may play against France this afternoon in Stuttgart. It was against the French that he made his international debut 10 years ago. He was an East German then, playing his club football for Dynamo Dresden in the

city where he was born.
"My father first took me there when I was three. I joined them as a five-year-old and there was never any other interest for me after that."

Sammer's father, Klaus, keen to be directing play.

The sluggish Germans and is now one of Vogts's aslooked as though they could sistants with the national

(left) her love-hate relation-ship with the Glory Game,

will be among the guests at Europe United — a day and

night of activities for the

football fanatic. The Guard-

played for the GDR but early beneficial status granted not mean they had to endorse it. So, like his father, Sammer never bent his ear for the

But Sammer has not snubbed his roots, and a fort night ago played in a fund-raiser for Dresden. The club he won two titles with have slipped from the first to the

third division. "My background is very important to me as a person, but as a player especially. The

team. Klaus, the major influ- discipline I learned helped me ence on his son, had also when many were not sure about the future. Now I see the good things and I appreci-ate them."

> became the first player from the East to play for the newly unified Germany, and at the time he admitted to having problems only with the

He soon moved west and joined Stuttgart, with whom he won a title before spending an unhappy seven months in Italy with Internazionale. Wooed by Giovanni Trappat-toni, he found that the coach

goals in the first six games and was doing well, but when they bought Darko Pancev I was out. Just for the money it would have been good to stay, but not for me as a man."

Sammer returned to Ger nany, to Dortmund, where he has won consecutive titles. A winners' medal this summer is the next aim but he is a devotee of Vogts's new spirit of "Not at all costs

"I'm very much into that We don't want to grind our way through the rounds and have people say, 'Oh, it's the

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Me, my brothers and Euro 96

people, men included, who are bracing themselves for Euro 96. I have to say I am not one of them. Since I was a kid I have had a waxing and waning interest in football, which is not shared by many of my emale friends.
This interest was initially

sparked by my two brothers both fanatical Manchester United fans geographically separated from the objects of their adoration. While I was bemoaning the fact that I couldn't have a Sindy doll like all my friends, they decided that I should support another team, preferably one which didn't do that well on

Consequently, West Ham were alighted upon and not even the sainthood of Bobby Moore or charm of Martin Peters could prevent me from feeling a bit miffed, when an-West Ham defeat signailed the approach of Bill or Matt to jump on my back, pull my hair and torment me until I was forced to destroy that week's Eagle or draw a pair of their hoyfriends do. I can't glasses on a beloved picture of Bobby Charlton,

Despite this, I got interested in footie and until the age of 12 or so collected and the real football fan (male), swapped cards and generally managed to talk as knowledgeably as a girl can about Ten years later I moved

ian programme, put on in association with Philoso-phy Football, kicks off today at 10am at the Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank, Highlights include a European Fans Parliament and an evening of terrace wit and humour. Tickets are priced £12:95/ today's Guardian for £1 off at the Purcell Rooms Box Office. Call 0171 960 4242



Brand . . . Euro 96 sceptic

Crystal Palace ground and got interested again. I admit openly and without shame that I was romantically involved with a Crystal Palace fan, which in some ways prompted my reawakening. Many men sneer at women who go to football because see the problem with this myself, but men do jealously guard the game and seem to have invented the concept of and the slightly crap one

Women don't seem to be allowed to be real football fans unless they can answer a

less questions about results of long-forgotten matches in the Fifties, substitutes that came on in one game 20 years ago and what the ref's middle name was in a second-round Cup game before your mum and dad were born. This is obviously why a never-ending selection of sports commentators insist endlessly on remarking that women just go to the game to look up footballers' legs. Grow up ... we're not quite as puerile as

match, lads. I went to quite a few Palace games in the Seventies but more unsavoury element was eventually put off, amongst the fans get that within spitting distance of the | series of obscure and point- | following a Palace-QPR match | message.

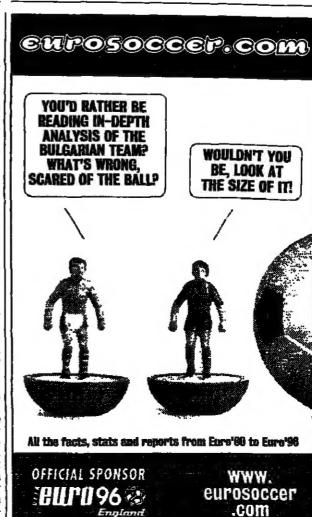
you would be at a women's

found myself caught up in a massive ruck and narrowly avoided losing my face.

I also took exception to the fact that, on the terraces, male bodily functions were so much easier to express. As far as urinating was concerned, the order of the day was whip it out and use it ... horrible yes, but a lot more appealing than tramping through a crowd of sweaty blokes to a concrete shed knee-deep in previous offerings. I'm now a bit of an armchair fan and in the tiniest way appreciated Crystal Palace "going dahn" because at least I can watch them on telly without having to put money in Mr Murdoch's pocket.

And so to Euro 96. I only hope that the England team can get it together to put on a decent performance as past glories are advancing further into the mists of time and I'd keep raking up the '66 World Cup to make us feel better.

Incidentally, to all those people who think I am really crap as far as football is concerned because my team did appallingly badly on the last series of Fantasy Football, I'd just like to say I deliberately picked a team of well-known had boys to show that behav-iour didn't pay. Let's hope the



Catcalls on the catwalk as Pierce goes out of fashion

Richard Williams sees the dress circle in Paris turn against its | pered press conference she could offer no explanation. adopted daughter as she surrenders meekly to the world No. 80

court on Monday, when the Roland Garros crowd caught its first sight of That Frock, and she was whistled off it yesterday. but this time the sound was very different. For Pierce a week that began with wolf-whistles ended with catcalls as she made a humiliating exit from the French Open.

The garment in question is a short black number with white stripes. Cut low and square across the front, deep and plunging at the back, held up by cross-strang and model. up by cross-straps and mod-ern fabric technology, it is de-signed specifically to display Pierce's wonderful physique.

Amid the human trash of St Tropez, the favourite resort of this daughter of a Canadian father and a French mother, it would pass as a sun-dress without raising an eyebrow.
But in front of 20,000 people
on the centre court in Paris it as Nike, its maker, intended - a frock with attitude, a variant of the genre known to fashion editors as

"result dressing".
But what if you dress for a

ARY PIERCE was whistled on to the court on Monday, when the Roland wid caught its first of Germany, with the learn of the response of the large of t ots in her ears, the 12th seed would probably rather have been wearing something a lit-

tle less revealing.
All week the other top players had been asked about the frock. "It's a very sexy dress, that's for sure," the fashionmad Monica Seles gushed. "You have to be self-assured. On Mary it looks good. She goes out there and she pulls her shoulders back . . she has a different style. I'm more hunched over. On me it would look terrible.

"It looks really nice," ob-served the diplomatic Steffi Graf, who herself made a rare appearance in a dress (white, modest) for her second-round match on Thursday, "but it doesn't really look like a tenderal".

nis dress." As far as the crowd was concerned, yesterday Mary Pierce did not look much like a tennis player. Although she made the final here two years ago, the spectators have never been en-tirely convinced of her French-But what if you dress for a ness and cannot quite per-result and don't get it? As she suade themselves to support

that when things are going wrong she can only close her eyes, raise her face to the sun and breathe deeply, attempting to deepen the self-induced trance in which nothing bad "If she's playing really well can happen. In adversity she has no tiger; that is what the crowd resents. If she had half the guts Sabine Appelmans showed in losing 6-2, 7-5 to and dictating the match and hitting those big points with the forehand, they're with the composed and articulate Rittner said afterwards.
"At four-all in the first set I Seles yesterday afternoon she started to play well and she missed some easy shots and they started to be disappointed with her. I knew if I played

would be unbeatable.
Pierce will be at Wimble don, where the dress will no doubt be white and the stripes black, and we shall see whether her new coach, Brad Gilbert, has begun to correct the flaws.
Gilbert has had a bad week

here. Andre Agassi, his other major client, went out on Wednesday with a perfor-mance notable for its lack of spirit and co-ordination, and yesterday Pierce seemed to have been taking the same pills. Gilbert once wrote a book called Winning Ugly. For Pierce, Losing Pretty ought not to be enough.

Martina Hingis, who in the Italian Open recently de-feated Steffi Graf, was knocked out by Karina Hadsudova of Slovakia 4-6. 7-5. 6-4. The 15-year-old was the





Buddy serves Sampras well

Stephen Bierley in Paris

ASHION, as Mary Pierce discovered yesterday on the centre court of Roland Garros, quickly fades whereas style, as embodied by the quality of the Pete Sampras service, is permanent.

The American's serve is his enduring and durable friend. When the world and all its ills are pressing on his shoulders, Sampras turns to his buddy to release him from trouble.

Having survived a monumental second-round fivesetter against Spain's Sergi Bruguera on Wednesday, Sampras had to endure anfellow American, friend and golf partner Todd Mar-

all. Martin, all grit and grind, looked fresh by comparison but then fatally dropped his guard and lost concentration a fraction. Sampras, a tiger in waiting. leaped in with two service breaks to finish him off. It was the stuff of champions.

Martin had given Thomas Muster an almighty one-set fright during the Italian Open in Rome recently. When someone plays like that, there is nothing you can do about it," said the

Sampras must have had similar thoughts as Martin took the first set. The 5, 6-2. thunder storms that had They had met 12 times before, with Martin winning | rialise but Martin was serv-

only twice, but on this occasion the 6ft 6in boy from Hinsdale, Illinois, pushed the No. 1 seed to the limit. Sampras's shoulders sagged and his tongue lalled from his mouth when lalled from his mouth when and hope his opponent's and hope his opponent's Martin encounter.

As yet Kafelnikov is the only twice, but on this occa-sion the 6ft 6in boy from Hinsdale, Illinois, pushed the No. 1 seed to the limit. In atches are apt to be short-matches are apt to be short-a relatively brief sight of and hope his opponent's forehand, always valuera-ble, would begin to disinte-

> "Considering the long match against Sergi I felt pretty fresh," said Sampras. "It wasn't so not and the points were shorter. cannot worry about the little aches and pains."
> Sampras will next meet

grate. It took a mighty long

well and put pressure on her the crowd would turn around.

That's what happened."
Rither, ranked 80th in the

world, is 23, two years older than Pierce. After losing all

four of their previous meet-ings she seldom looked in danger yesterday. Refusing to be disturbed by Pierce's usual

disruptive tactics, she was herself warned for time-

In the end Pierce was com-

piling a catalogue of banal

errors, offering break points with double faults, misfiring with her forehand and failing

to vary her game successfully

when it became apparent that

the basic plan was not work-

ing. At a confused and ill-tem-

the Australian Scott Draper, who reached the fourth round of the French Open last year, losing to It-aly's Renzo Furlan.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov had earlier become the first man to reach the third round with a straight-sets victory over Spain's Felix Mantilla. The centre court

nearly Grand Slam man, having reached three quarter-finals and one semifinal. He is in Sampras's side of the draw and, with Agasi gone, they may meet for a place in the final. The Russian has not

dropped a set so far and looks immensely impressive. He defeated Agassi here last year before losing in the semi-finals to the eventual winner Muster. Tennessee's finest, Chris Agassi on Wednesday, lost in five sets to Sweden's Jo-

nas Bjorkman, but he will

have much to tell his friends back at the Knox-This year's model . . . the wolf whistles turned to jeers for Mary Pierce

Golf

Monty locks on to key

OUR hours of critical self-analysis put Colin Montgomerie on track for another title yesterday. The European No. 1 shook off his putting lethargy of the past two weeks to career from a potential early exit to third place in the Deutsche Bank Open, two shots behind the leader Frank Nobilo. The New Zealander is 10 under par, 134, after a 69 compiled in a boisterous afternoon wind, one shot ahead of the South African Retief Goosen.

Montgomerie shot a second-round 63 at the Gut Kaden club here having shut himself in his hotel bedroom the previous evening "to think things over" after a lacklustre 71 "I locked the door, ordered room service and for the rest

David Henderson in

successive major title.

Pinelpurst, North Carolina

AURA DAVIES lost her

painstaking 5 hour first round at Pine Needles ham-

pered her hopes of a second

After taking an early share

of the lead in the US Women's

Open on Thursday she fin-

ished in 36th place, her pa-

tience shredded and her tem-

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bogeys over the last four

She was a victim of the US

Golf Association's decision to

bow to the demands of televi-

sion and was one of a cluster

go out late in the day behind

holes for a four-over-par 74.

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of the evening thought about | the next two weeks and what I want to achieve," he said. "My chief resolve is to maintain my patience, although that is not easy when you start six shots off the lead." The Scot shared 66th place

overnight but after six holes he was only one behind after sinking two putts of 10 feet and others from 20 and 30 feet in scoring five birdles. Al-though he had to wait until the last two holes to add two more, he justifled his decision to switch to a putter with extra loft. He used it only 27 times and is back in contention for a second victory of the season, after letting slip a golden chance in the gale-swept Benson and Hedges Open at The Oxfordshire two weeks ago. There he led by three strokes after 54 holes but was blown to an 84 which | him a 68.

Davies falls into dark mood and rounds

on USGA and its pandering to television

Davies failed to conceal her concern that the rigging of the draw to satisfy TV air-time may have cost her the

chance to add this title to the

LPGA Championship she won

She finished in fast-fading

light and failed from 21/1 at

the 15th and 16th before los-

ing another shot at the next.

She was not the only casu-

alty, Nancy Lopez scored 77.

the 1991 champion Meg Mal-

lon 78 and Betsy King, twice a

Davies, who completed her

round at 8pm, said: "I don't

care about television. I am

here trying to win a major

what they want. You have to

golf event to a halt.

three weeks ago.

winner, 81.

most prestigious women's | don't do well. There are a lot

"With normal weather I would have won there. Now I'm back in the state I wanted to be for the US Open." However, with the defend

ing champion Bernhard Langer producing a typically determined 70 and Robert Al lenby one of nine players eight under par, the title is still wide open. Goosen, the former South

African amateur champion. puts his return to form down to his decision to bring to Europe the coach Sam Frost, brother of the World Cup player David. "He has been helping me get a better turn and working with me on the mental side," Goosen said. Seve Ballesteros had second 70 and Ian Woosnam also went through after a 20ft birdie putt at the last gave

of disappointed players here

today but it happens every year and the USGA won't

change.
"Why should we be penalare success

ful. If it's going to be an open

championship, then the draw

The other major champion-

ships do, of course, "rig"

their starting times for the

sake of spectators but the

leading players are spread throughout the field and are

not expected to bring up the

The lack of light may have

caused Davies to lose at least

two shots: "I don't have the

best of eyesight and I couldn't

see the back of the ball over the last few holes. Everybody

should be given the same

chance. The scores rellect

what happened to us, the last time Meg Mallon scored eight

over par must have been

Davies teed off at 10.20 yes-

terday, when she set out five

shots behind the Americans

Beth Daniel and Kim Wil-

liams, who held a one-stroke

lead over eight other players, including Sweden's defending

champion Annika Sorenstam

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Weekend fixtures

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Rugby League Leeds' misery

continue

Paul Fitzpatrick

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EAN BELL ignored the euphoria when his Leeds side beat Wigan 23-11 at Headingley in No-vember, one of only two league defeats inflicted on the champions during the Cente-

nary season.

Perhaps the Leeds coach had a premonition. When they play like that week in and week out, he said, then he might start to get excited. His caution was justified. Leeds meet Wigan at Hea-dingley again tonight but any

optimism generated on that November evening evaporated long ago. Leeds are in a mess and are most unlikely to contain them this time, even though Wigan will be playing

their third game in a week. The defeat by the Bradford Bulls last Friday was another crushing disappointment in a season of almost unrelieved misery for Leeds; it left them with only four points from a possible 18 after starting out as serious title challengers.

The chief reason for their plight is easy to identify: outstanding players in Ellery Hanley, Garry Schofield and Craig Innes have gone, along with James Lowes and Paul Cook. They have not been adequately replaced, largely because Bell has had little money to spend. On the other hand, how sound is Bell's judgment? When he was given some money, he spent £100,000 on Barrie McDer-

mott, a shrewd piece of off-loading by Wigan.

Alf Davies, the Leeds chief executive who is adamant that Bell's job is not under threat, intimated this week that new money would be found and the club have joined the pursuit of the Hulme brothers, David and Paul, whose contracts were cancelled by Widnes on

The gloom has scarcely lifted, however, with reports that Auckland Warriors are making moves to sign Kevin Iro and with the suspensions imposed on Harvey Howard and Adrian Morley. So serious are matters there is even talk of Bell coming out of retirement to face Wigan. The one consolation is that Tony Kemp, the Kiwi stand-off who broke an arm in February, is among the substitutes.

Wigan thought they would be without the centre Va'aiga Tuigamala and prop Terry O'Connor, but O'Connor will play and Tuigamala has not yet been ruled out. "We thought Tuigamala might age to his hamstring [against Sheffield on Wednesday]." said Graeme West, Wigan's coach. "But it now looks as if it may have been simply a

Wigan will go top of Super League for the first time if they win but are unlikely to be there for more than 24 hours. St Helens, the current leaders with nine straight wans, should have little difficulty overcoming a struggling

If Bobbie Coulding, the Saints' scrum-half, kicks six est player to 100 goals in a season, a record shared by Bernard Ganley, David Watkins, Steve Quinn and John Wasyliw. Goulding, however, is a slight injury doubt along with Tommy Martyn, Paul Newlove, Christ Joynt and Apollo Perelini

London Broncos, who will be without the suspended Evan Cochrane, return from a ong spell on the road to play their first home game for six weeks at The Valley. They have won two of their four away games during this time and, with a little luck, might have won them all.

At Warrington last week --reduced to 12 men after only 25 minutes - they were beaten by Jon Roper's try in the final minutes and they let slip a winning position in the match against St Helens.

With a string of home games to come, London can confirm their belief that they are ranked among the top four clubs and they will be looking to take two points off an Oldham side which lost at home to Workington last

Sunday. Warrington's Wales international forward Mark Jones has won his appeal against a two-match ban and was on the bench for last night's visit to Castleford.





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SportsGuardian

COUNTDOWN TO EURO 96

England in need of redemption



David Lacev

HORTLY before England flew to the nant FA official rang a Sunday newspaperman and rebuked him for headlines that had appeared after the Hungary match. How was he supposed to explain to certain players that they were "trash"?

To judge from what has appeared in the press since Terry Venables's squad returned from Hong Kong, the answer is self-evident. For in the space of 48 hours, and with Euro 96 a week away, England have achieved the near-impossible by bringing themselves into even lower public esteem than the depths plumbed during the 1992 tournament in

This time, moreover, they have done so before a ball has been kicked. Four years ago there were questions in the Commons concerning the chronic inability of Graham Taylor's side to score goals. Now MPs of the bandwagon rsuasion are demanding that those said to have caused 25,000 damage on the Cathay Pacific flight bringing them home from Hong Kong should be thrown out of the squad.

The FA's reaction to the initlal story was to promise an urgant inquiry. Since Venables was immediately em-barked on a trip to Switzerland, and as the players were not due to report back until tomorrow. Lancaster Gale's sense of urgancy was roughly on a par with Robb Wilton's esponsé to a fire alarm.

In any case nobody could be sure what had happened, or who was responsible, until the airline provided specific details. The fact that to the com bination of champagne and a 13-hour flight had been added the name of Paul Gascoigne did not amount to proof of misconduct, although Cathay is now threatening to sue.

The fuss might have died down had yesterday's news-

papers not published photographs of what had gone on in a Hong Kong club the night before the squad had flown home To judge from these pictures and eve-witness accounts, England were far more entertaining in the China Jump Bar than they had been in the exhibition match a few hours earlier. Apparently Gascoigne cele-

brated his 29th birthday reclining in a dentist's chair while teguila was poured into said to have bought Dom Per-ignon champagne at £140 a bottle, and this on a weekend when George Weah, the Liberian who plays for Milan, had spent his time in Hong Kong coaching youngsters and appealing for more funds for the game's grass roots in Africa.

Shirts having been ex-changed earlier in the day they were now mutually torn apart. Just what England's sponsors, Green Flag and Umbro, think about their names being so clearly displayed on the tattered remnants of Les Ferdinand's casual wear may yet be the subject of a crisis board meeting or two.

The question of how much the players concerned drank or were affected by drink is ess material than the fact that they were seen behaving this way, and that with England's first major tournament for 30 years so close several members of the squad were allowed

VEN so, the Hong Kong high jinks might have been glossed over had the flight home been less eventful. Blanket criticism of the squad, moreover, ignores the fact that only seven players appear to have stayed out until the early hours. But if the FA's excuse for going to Beiling and Hong Kong was to avoid English hooligans, nothing was said about taking their own.

"I don't think it's compulsory to be bored out of your head," was Venables's response to a Hong Kong repor ter's question about the wisdom of the trip. But neither is out of vour mind.

Croatia have omitted a equad player for sitting in a bar at three in the morning eating a sandwich. They must feel their image is worth preserving. Nobody will be thrown out of Venables's squad. But England had better win their opening game.



I'll get these . . . Sunday evening's parade of England players included, from the left, Steve Howey, Darren Anderton, Steve McManaman, Paul Gascolgne and Teddy Sheringham

Guardian writers report on the milk-swilling, clean-living, alcohol-abstaining habits of Continental players

Europe takes issue with English ways

Euro 96 expressed astonishment at the unconventional way in which Terry Venaparing for the tournament.

DEVOID of Cantona and Ginola, an anodyne but depend-able French national team is limbering up with a gentle schedule of friendlies and,

above all, no long flights. French football watchers, bemused at the Gazza incldent, said the FA had only itto know the tactical merit of putting players through jet

NGLAND stood iso- lag and long flights a formight squad was given a day off yes lated in Europe last night as other nations competing in sports daily L'Equipe.

NGLAND stood iso- lag and long flights a formight squad was given a day off yes from which the players hol. Lother Matthäus. who terday. But not to paint the return this morning, the first will not feature in Euro 96, sight days were designated as told Bild newspaper that he way, maybe the cinema and work only. "We don't hang was "happy" he would never visiting family," De Leede said. Today's highlight will be an afternoon's fishing.

France's own preparations are low-key. "They obviously have their own chef — which is doubly important in Britain because of mad cow disease and they are allowed to drink in moderation," said a spokes man for the French FA. Alex Duval Smith

HOLLAND

A BRACING walk on the beach, a game of whist, and a glass of milk before bed is the most the Dutch squad can ex-pect at their botel in the

coastal resort of Noordwijk. "Players are permitted their own Walkman. After a day's training and an evening meal, most settle down to a game of cards or watch TV before bedtime at a reasonable hour." said Rob de Leede, a spokesman for the

Holland team.

Asked about the possibility
of Gazza-style behaviour in the Dutch squad. De Leede said: "We're not like the English. There is no ban on alcohol but the players don't want to drink it."

After a heavy week the

prejudicing Italy's chances.

John Hooper

the other.

SCOTLAND

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, insists on responsibility rather than curfew. On the trip to the United States

CONDITIONS before and after

an international are like "life in barracks," said a correspon-

dent who has followed the side

on tour. "Early to bed, early to

so that each keeps an eye on

An Italian FA spokeswoman

said: There is no code as

such. We leave it to the trainer to make the rules, but rules are

made — on when to get up, when to turn in, and when to

such as Gianluca Vialli, are excluded — even at the risk of

eat. They are professionals."

eight days were designated as work only. "We don't hang around the hotel all the time, of course," said Brown. "But we go out to eat as a team or in groups, always with a staff

"Taking alcohol on flights for the national team" is strictly limited. On the long flight back from Miami tonight they will be allowed a glass of wine or a beer."

rise, and no girls. Players are lodged two to a room in hotels

GERMANY THERE was discord in the German camp yesterday but it had nothing to do with alco-

Guardian (COMINS

winners in the Guardian on Monday June 10.

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Guardian Crossword No 20,668, P.O. Box 315, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2AX, by first post on Friday. Solution and

was "happy" he would never have to work with Berti Vogts and Jürgen Klinsmann again. The manager responded by saying that his former cap-tain would "never play again

The spat made a nonsense of Thomas Hässler's words that "the feeling and friendship here is as good as 1990.

We are all bonding very That process will not involve heavy drinking. "The team are all too professional

to get drunk or anything like that," said a spokesman.

Christoff Biermann

SINCE Denmark's largest dairy sponsors the national team, milk is the staple diet at the training camps. No alcohol is seen on the table.

Nielsen expects us to behave responsibly," said Kim Kuilmark's 1992 European Championship victory over Germany. "In my almost 10 years in the national team I have never seen problems related to alcohol. The management believe that I and my team-mates know when to stop, not just for the good of our image as sportsmen. Rasmus Bech

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5 White metal: use mica li

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7 A shopping area turns up:

8 Comment on belatedness

of better one - I'm sorry

i'll carry your bags (5)

9 Slip road to market (9,4)

15 Revolutionary process proved hollow — R.I.P. (9)

17 Fliers and swimmer put in

22 Tightened, which may be

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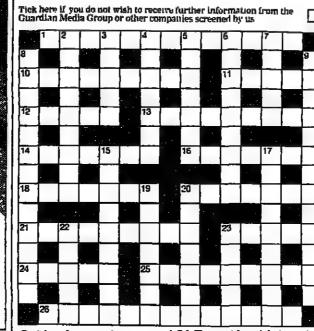
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Gascoigne . . . his shirt in tatters in Hong Kong on Sunday

There are signs that we've had enough of knocking the nobs, and very faint suggestions that their social fortunes may be on the upturn.



Set by Araucaria

 Cup diner smashed where he dined, acting on impulse

10 Swing to left, Alice's doing (9) 11 What a Friend and the Earth

12 Sort of eyes on a string? (5) 13 Long way back home for social worker is cathartic (9)

14 Green not all that close? (7) 16 Setter subject to frontal (7)

18 No earner, he could be interned not having died (7)

20 Cricket manager's manner reversed, about ancient

fish for child (9) 23 Miserable of old in the

shadow of Ulster (5) 24 Order him to leave the fruit 25 Legendary skill shown by Ben

Hur's father's first article (9) 26 Latvian communist turned sea dry on special occasions (3-6,4)

2 Connivance with wrong on

3 Meeting of the faithful, generally without

4 Hangings go through in the back yard (7)

OUITE COOK

DEREK BROWN on Bibi Netanyahu, a thrice-married king of the hawkish soundbite, who despite confessing his adultery on primetime TV remains shrouded in mystery

An ego rises in the land of fear

minister of Israel, as a profound admirer of Winston Churchill, is doubtless familiar with the great man's celebrated scription of Soviet policy in 1939: "It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma."

There could be no fitter description of Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, both the bestknown and least-known, political leader in Israel. Everyone knows Bibi; he's the one with the face that launched a thousand quips. The soundbite king, the great performer, the try's perfiduring Desert Storm by wearing a gas mask on CNN, and who shocked Israel into fits of giggles by confessing, liv on primetime TV, that be had

But then again, nobody knows Bibl. Not even those who work with him. One for-mer member of his staff enthuties: hard-working, a stern but fair taskmaster, easy to approach, a good listener, and so on. But what was he really like "You know, I really have no idea," she said. "I never

learned anything about him." When Israelis talk about Bibi, two words invariably pop up: "shallow" and "superfl-cial". Such is the flattening effect of television on image. In reality, he is a great deal more complex than the usual Israeli leaders: the grizzled veterans, marinaded for generations in their own cliched slogans, and

open books to their followers. Bibt is a closed book, which just happens to have a shiny bonkbuster cover hinting at the story within — enshrined as Bibigate, featuring sex, lies and maybe a raunchy video-tape. Of which more later.

The dizzying rise of Netan-yahu is not so much mysterious as chilling. Astute, articulate, and, when need be, utterly ruthless, he carved his way past the sagging old guard of the Likud movement, and the "party princes" — the rising and middle generations with more experience. Bibi is , by common consent, a driven man. He is consumed by per-sonal ambition, but there are other, higher gods in his parttheon. One is the survival of elimination of "terrorism".





Sara, his third wife, is a

The lover



PR consultant Ruth Bar, the other half of Bibigate

inheritance, Born in Tel Aviv in 1949, he is the son of Benzion yahu, renowned scholar and arch-nationalist. Part of Netanyahu senior's life's work The Origins of the Inquisition in Fifteenth Century Spain. was published last year. The other part is his austere dedica tion to revisionist Zionism, the cause of his idol and mentor, Ze'ev Jabotinsky. This is a hard, uncompromising view of Zionism; that the Arabs were the implacable foes of the Jews and that Israel should be estab-lished on both sides of the Jor-

ian, whatever the cost. There is no evidence that the reclusive Benzion Netanyahu, now 87, has retreated an inch from this view, and considerable evidence that his second son, the new prime minister. has absorbed much of it. The other great formative influence in Bibi's life is the United States. He went to live there

tered by modern Israel, took up an academic job in Philadelphia. Bibi was apparently devestated by the move, but adapted so readily that when be returned to Israel for army service, he had difficulty fitting in with the egalitarian informal-

ity of his native land.

He had a distinguished military career, rising to captain and serving in the dangerous, daredevil border reconnaissance unit. He was wounded in the face while belping to rescue hijacked passengers from a Sa-bena aircraft in 1972. Later that year, he returned

to the US to study at the Massa ogy. He graduated in architec-ture, took a master's degree in business administration, and honed his political skills by de fending Israel in public meetings. Whatever doubts he may have had — he simplified his name by deed poll to Benjamin possibly the defining event in his life: the douth of his

brother, Yonatan. Yoni Netanyahu was the only Israeli soldier killed in the ensational commando raid ou acked hostages from under Idl Amin's nose. Bibi was devasated, and hurled himself into the national movement which elevated Yoni to icon status. In 1980 Bibi set up and directed the Yonatan Institute, dedicated to the study of terrorism and how to combat it. The work crystal-lised his passionate conviction that terror is ultimately a

weapon of states and can be successfully countered. By this time, the singular pattern of Bibi's personal life had been set. In 1978, while working in a swank business consultancy in Boston, he mar ried Micky, a postgraduate student. They had a daughter, Noa, but the marriage four-

dered when Micky learned of Bibi's affair with Fleur Cates an English graduate of the Harvard Business School. The scap opera switched to Israel, where Bibi was briefly employed as a furniture company manager

Bibi's political career started to soor, and again the marriage imploded. There was specula tion about infidelity, incompatibility and Fleur's politically embarrassing lack of fluency in Hebrew. They divorced in 1988.

Bibi's first public job came at the request of Moshe Arens, a leading Likudnik and newlyappointed ambassador to the US, to join him in Washington as number two — dream job for the young articulate. American accented Netrovahu. He dazzled diplomatic correspondents with his silky smooth. deeply sincere advocacy of his country. Israel's blood-soaked invasion of Lebanon in 1982

could probably have been deended but not as effectively as Bibi đid it. Soon he found himelf in the high-profile role of israel's ambassador to the

Lionised by New York society, he honed and buffed his USisraeli composite image. It did him no harm in his first, successful, tilt at the Knesset (parliament) in 1988, and a great deal of good when he became deputy foreign minister — to

The Gulf war brought truly informational fame. Bibl's mas-tery of the soundbite may have cemented his two-dimensional lmage, but it gave him a per-sona and a priceless weapon in the campaign for the next tar-get: leadership of the Likud. In 1991, Bibl was married for the third time, to Sara, an El Al stewardess. He also found time to embark on an affair with a led to Bibigate. Sara was tipped

history, perhaps in the history of democracy". Phew! The clear target of this remarkable charge, though unnamed, was the man who, before and since Bibligate, loathes Netanyahu more than any other: former foreign minister and thwarted would-be Likud eader David Levy. Levy threw a fit and extracted an apology from Bibi. The police were called in and found no evidence of a video or a plot. But the damage was done: in March 1983, Netanyahu swept to vic-tory in the party convention.

When they had finished laughing, many Israelis found the extraordinary episode dis turbing. Who is this man? Which planet is he from? they asked. And some are asking still. As opposition leader, Bibli has had to endure a government which was seemingly or stoppable; a government which made all the running. As the peace process unfolded, to in-credulous Israeli gasps, Bibi was reduced to impotence (the sidelines. He could fulminate about the deal with Yasser Arafat, but he had no solid alternative.

The opinion polls swung back and forth with every new atrocity and every new break through. Israel's peace deal with Jordan was hugely popular, and Bibi could only trail over to Amman in the wake of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. The bombines and shootings were more to his advantage, but still the question remained — and remains what would Likud do?

AST YEAR, opposi-tion to the Oslo ac-cords with the PLO became more ugly. Rabin in SS uniform. Slog eainst "traitors" were shoute at Likud and other rightwing rallies. On November 4, Bibi's worst nightmare was acted out in a Tel Aviv aquare. Yitxhak Rabin was gunned down by a young Jewish zealot, an ardent opponent of the peace accords, Yigal Amir. In an instant the nation was

plunged into cathartic grief and an orgy of remorae. Young people poured on to the streets to light candles for the man whom Bibi had reviled. Endless queues wound past Rabin's grave. The politics of hatred was excoriated. Leah, the widow of the murdered leader, accused Bibi of incitement.

In vain he blustered and indignantiv denied the char The opinion polls slipped from crisis to calamity. The new prime minister, Shimon Peres, had a 20-point lead. The story of how that unprecedented ad Vantage was squandered is not Bibi's story. He was not con-sulted when Peres ordered the assassination of Hamas mart bombmaker Yahya Ayyash, sauca. Nor could Bibi do more than look on when the bombers struck back, taking 63 lives in ess than two weeks.

Even when the election was called, the Likud leader's hands were, to an extent, tied. He did not dare unleash the fire and brimstone fervour of the old campaign against Rabin. He could not criticise too loudly the government's disas-trous adventure in attacking What he could do, and no-

body could have done it better, was to drive home, with deadly drumming persistence, the single point that the pe not brought security. At the climax of the election campaign, last Sunday's television debate, he did not have to be glib or clever or inventive. He ust had to say the word "fear". He said it 14 times, because that's the way the message gets over. And it did.

worst political crime in Israeli Martin Woollacott, page 14



'Bibl' Netanyahu in Citizen Kane pose. He claimed a political rival threatened to release a video showing him 'in compromising situations' unless he dropped out of a leadership race, in another echo of the film. He is astute, articulate and utterly ruthless

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or in-depth, reasoned argument and literary criticism, the London Review of Books is hard to match. The Sunday Times calls it 'the boldest of the literary journals'. To Salman Rushdie it is 'easily the liveliest literary magazine in the country', while Alan Bennett considers it simply 'the liveliest, the most serious and also the most radical literary magazine we have'.

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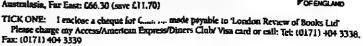
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LECTIONS in Northern Ireland rarely change anything. This one, though, might just begin to break the mould. Like all Ulster elections, it was more about the relative party strengths within the respective Unionist and nationalist traditions than about the relative position between them. Mighty important those internal battles among Catholic and Protestant voters have turned out to be this time. There has been a powerful swing to Sinn Fein among nationalist voters - giving the party by far its strongest position since the hungerstrikes of the early eighties and severely weakening John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party, which now faces an internal crisis. Meanwhile David Trimble's Ulster Unionists have won back the leadership of Unionist Northern Ireland from the Democratic Unionists - if anyone doubts that, look at the result in Ian Paisley's own Antrim North where there was a 10.5 per cent swing from DUP to UUP since 1992. Nevertheless, the Unionist vote has rarely been more fragmented; both the UUP and the DUP have been

eroded by the most effective re-entry since the seventies of smaller Unionist parties into the political equation.

This time, however, there was also something more. Whereas all other elections in Northern Ireland are variations on the rituals by which the essential allegiances are reproduced, this one was also a means to an unprecedented end. It was a preparatory election to the convening on June 10 of all-party talks about the future of Northern Ireland involving not merely the main constitutional parties but also politicians who speak for the armed militant traditions on both sides. Such talks have not happened before. Now at last they may - and should.

It is essential to remember that the talks are the whole point of these elections. In a narrow sense, they were the price which Mr Trimble's party demanded as the precondition for their participation in negotiations; that condition has now been fulfilled and the Unionist parties must therefore play their rightful part inside the talks, not stay on the sidelines. But the talks were also the alternative precondition to arms decommissioning, as put forward by the British government following the Mitchell Report. That too has been fulfilled, albeit grudgingly at first, by the main nationalist and republican parties. It was right that these parties overcame their suspicion and took part, and now they too must have their reward. Now these parties, including Sinn Féin, must play their mandated role in the talks.

There is, however, a crucial problem to be overcome: the absence of an IRA ceasefire. Nothing will be gained by pretending this problem does not exist.

Gerry Adams skates over it when he says that the elections were supposed to offer Sinn Féin a direct route into the talks process. John Major made that pledge on January 24, while the IRA's 17-month ceasefire still existed. Three weeks afterwards, on February 12, the IRA abandoned its ceasefire, fundamentally changing the conditions in which the elections would be held. The elections have now renewed all mandates, but both the Irish and British governments have said repeatedly that Sinn Fein cannot take part in talks without a ceasefire. How do we therefore get from here to where we want to be?

It is impossible to see how the talks can begin as originally envisaged without an urgent further political initiative. including fresh public assurances from the IRA. Such an obstacle was not intended when the elections were announced, but the end of the ceasefire has created it, and it remains a real stumbling block. If London and Duhlin are as serious as they ought to be about getting the talks started, they must now act decisively and in concert to get Sinn Féin into the talks on an acceptable basis. It would be wrong for either London or Dublin to act unilaterally at this highly-charged time. This is not a moment for megaphone diplomacy but for intensive and energetic joint problemsolving effort. The British government and Sinn Fein must work with, not against, one another to try to achieve a solution to this genuine difficulty, while not at the same time giving the Unionists the excuse to boycott the talks. More easily said than done? Of course. But overwhelmingly in all our interests too.

The genius done good

AFTER Ode To Joy. Ode To Tortured Genius? Jimmy Greaves, older fans may remember, had a bit of a problem. George Best went the same way. In the eighties, the genius lay further afield: Maradona assumed the bad boy mantle in the absence of a home-grown star of sufficient stature. Then, some time before Cantona, came Gazza. An Englishman with enough talent to impress on the world's stage, he fulfilled every criteria: immature, emotional, with a podgy physique, an ability to drift past opponents . . . and a fondness for drink.

The Sun adopted a tone of disgusted outrage to report the picture exclusive which covered its first three pages yes-terday. "This man is totally pages," a doctor wrote, while the leader writers derided the "foul-mouthed, beer-swilling lout". Good copy and a good story. Thank goodness for Gazza, the Sun must have aid to itself as it went to bed.

Talented artists have never had an easy time of it. As Dryden wrote: "Great wits are near to madness." Or as the Sun might have said, "It was Socrates wot done it." Since then, via Galileo to Wilde, genius has had trouble conforming to the ways of the times. Beethoven, another of the Sun's circulation boosters in recent days, had his problems. Misanthropic, squalid and uncouth, with a bad temper exacerbated by his deafness, he could, as every football fan will soon know, write marvellous music.

Run down a list of composers and the number who were really nice people is rather small. Mozart was generally un. pleasant with a scatalogical bent. Schoenberg was touchy, and really it was petter not to be around Gesualdo. Stradella, shot in 1682 at the age of 37 following his elopement with one Ortensia, set a partern for musicans ever since. Skipping along to the present, Noel Gallagher, one of the snining lights of British creativity, is not the sort of person you would invite back to meet your mum. You would even hesitate to invite his mum. Contemporary British classical music, meanwhile, is divided between the flowing locks of Simon Rattle and Nigel Kennedy's stubble and dropped consonants.

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Cultured men and women of letters can compete with composers in the mad and or socially-maladjusted genius stakes. Christopher Marlowe ended his days prematurely in a tavern brawl, while more recently Brendan Behan was fond of a drop, as was John Osborne. Ernest Hemingway, let's face it, was guided by some deeply irrational urges, and Dylan Thomas liked more than the occasional glass. As for his countryman, Richard Burton, it might be better to

leave the acting profession out of this.

The suggestion that Gazza is in the same creative league as some of these names is not entirely serious. But the premise that a 29-year-old who happens to be a remarkably gifted footballer should also possess the skills required to make him an ambassador for his country is a strange one. It would come as little surprise to find that captains of industry, when abroad, aren't always sober.

Israel's position as the democratic beacon in the Middle East is fast being overtaken by its quest for total domination, says MARTIN WOOLLACOTT

Soul of a nation locked in its own hatred

EDEEM Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. The psalm ist's cry for divine help to a place of perfect safety, acceptable as religious sentiment or emotional reality, has been disas trously transformed into politi-

cal myth. Israelis have voted, or too tasy that there is such a thing as total security and that mas tery over their neighbours, never achieved in the past, can somehow now be realised. In doing so they endanger themselves and everybody else. The Israelis risk the future not only of their region, but add their ominous decision to all those others, taken or pending. which in many parts of the globe could mean a return to

conflict and war. There is a tide in the affairs of peace, which must be taken at the flood, or else left to turn. kans, in the Maghreb, in South whose pull is affected by each conflict's shifting fortunes, is a a critical point, no longer at its high, but not yet lost. It is also true that peace in the Middle erty of Israelis, nor of Arabs. Iranians and Turks, but concerns the whole world in a way in which that of no other region

Israel's creation would have been impossible without the active support of Western

countries and the acquies ence, at least, of many others. Its prosperity and its military nower are also achievements to which others have contributed this sense, for all its understandable feelings of loneliness and sometimes of despair, it is an international phenomenon. standing less on its own than other, smaller and weaker,

onsibility of others, including latez Assad, who could probaoly have won the election for eres had he wished to do so, or rasser Arafat, whose uncertain course in the territories and making did not belo. But there are some nations whose elections and whose political decisions concern us all, and in which we feel we have a right. as it were, of indirect representation. Israel is preeminent among them. This the Israelis knew, and yet enough of them voted as they did to produce the

Or perhaps they did not know. In spite of their shrewdness and their worldly knowledge, too many Israelis lead iso lated lives, failing to fully connect their decisions to the fate of other human beings in other countries. They live, the Likud leader Binyamin Netan-yahu famously said, "in a tough neighbourhood", but the ques-tion is whether, mentally, some of them live in a neighbourhood at all. That includes

the emergence of the back-

This is not to dispute the res-

Netanyahu himself, for the picture of the "neighbourhood" that Netanyahu has conveyed to the Israeli electorate is base on a mechanistic and dehunanised model of terrorism. There are tyrannical states, ike Iran, Iraq, and Libya, who finance and control terrorist movements. Their aim is to destroy democracies by terroris-

ing their innocent civilian populations. There is no causation here, just an idea of evil which appears out of nowhere and mus be ruthlessly opposed. In his essays and books on this topic, Netanyahu simply dismiss the argument that violent hasis in conditions of oppression, of national interest, or at east, of grievance. That does not mean that such action is justified. It does mean that a purely military response can never be more than temporar-ily successful. This is the lesson arned, but Likud has not

But the secular voter who accepts Netanyahu's diagram matic analysis of the war of the terrorists against the democracies is joined in Israel by the religious voter who has made territorial control into a sacred mperative. Israel is now paying the price for the long apsement of the religious by the secular parties. A substantial part of religious Israel has demanded and got systematic

subsidies that allow them to live a pre-modern life, avoiding productive employment, avoid ing modern education, avoiding modern relationships be tween the sexes. During that same period, they have shed their original objections to the Zionist territorial state. There are honourable exceptions, but nany of them are now among its most irrational unholders. Their ambitions now go be vond a subsidised autonomy

vithin Israel and a substantial influence on religious questions. They begin to aspire to a role in leadership and the shap ing of the whole society. This is the struggle that has become entangled with policies toward

worth of programmes for

Paul McGann. Smallweed

which it has signed new Who

There are ironic parallels with the growth of fundamen-talism in Islamic countries like Turkey where secular parties similarly funded a religious educational sysem which be-came the sociological base for a political movement. This year's shift to separate elections for prime minister and the legisla ture was intended to ease the post-election task of coalition building by giving the chosen prime minister more leverage. What it has done instead is to uncomple religious from secu-lar politics. People can now avoid a vote for the main par-ties, with their unavoidably diverse, negotiated bundles of policies, and cast it instead for religious party programmes unalloyed by any serious contact with regional or international reality. They have done so, driving up religious representation in the parliamen and shattering the representa-tion of both Zionist parties, Labour and Likud. That could turn out to be the most impor-tant development of this

Religious voter and Likud voter alike, no doubt again with honourable exceptions, have taken the Manichean option as far as peace with the Arabs is concerned. It can be argued that this refusal to extend a human understanding to the other side, and indeed to the world at large, characterises Netanvahu, for Likud, and for the religious parties. Yet stage. The election campaign was a strangely distorted affair how was it that one more bus bombing would, it was regularly said, tip it against Shimon

HAT nonsense was this, that if another 20 Israe lis were murwould so in the bin? And, if the election was about peace, why his efforts to win votes? Each ader played with the need of angry and fearful people for a simple drama in which what Israelis have is unquestionably theirs, and those who disturb their peace are summarily dealt with. This ultimately was the peace most at issue in the campaign, the peace to which sraelis feel they have an absolute right in their everyday lives, the one-sided freedom from bullet or bomb, not the peace which they had still to finish making with others. But almost certainly, most those voters do grasp at some

evel that Likud policy does not actually mean that Israel can stop counting its dead. It is the emotional safety of an uncom-plicated world, perhaps, that appealed more than the physical safety which Netanyahu, no more than Peres, can promise

It is the craving for that emotional safety, far from the messy, infuriating reality of the Middle East, from which Israel needs deliverance.

Labour beefs up its style

Rattling the bars



lan Aitken

HESE are bad times for those of us who still believe good can occasionally emerge from the activities of professional politicians. Both the big parties seem to be hell-bent on proving that cynicism and

realism are the same thing. On the Tory side, ministers are pursuing the most infanhope - happily not yet realised — that it will gain them a point or two in the polls. Even ess Chalker, who was a onetime Heathite groupie. traipse obediently to Brussels to block EU measures they agree with. Yet there isn't a sniff of a resignation in the

air — no, not even Ken Clarke's. On the Labour side, shadow ministers are frenziedly pitching overboard ever emaining vestige of the libertarian ideals which were once part of the reason for the party's very existence. Messra Straw and Blunkett, both reformed lefties, aren't content with hijacking Tory policies on crime and education. They have gone a step further bandoning the wimpish cry of "Me, too!" in favour of the more robust "We thought of it

Indeed that, almost word for word, was Jack Straw's reaction to Michael Howard scheme to stop ex-criminals finding a job. As for David Blunkett, I wouldn't have been surprised if his new back to basics" approach to primary education had also

ncluded a return to the cane. There is, in any case, an elementary error in the reasoning behind Blunkett's case, which rests on the ass tion that one-third of children leaving primary schools have a reading age less than that of in 11-year-old. But what does

this mean? The concept of a "reading age" is partly based on the average achievement of 11year olds. But unless all chil-

civilian population de

dren display exactly the salar reading ability, it is obvious that some will be above the average and some below it. It also follows that, if you bring all the less successful children up the average, then the average itself will by defini-tion rise.

Theoretically, this proces could continue until all chil-dren reached the same standard as the cleverest — which would then become the new iverage. This might be a righly desirable outcome, perhaps, but even New Labour would probably hesi tate to adopt it as achievable.

GOING back to the Tories the man who somehow per-sonifies the imbecility of Major's beef war isn't the prime minister himself; it is Roger Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who is described as "minister for the public services"

Considering the state of our remaining public services, that doesn't say much for his erformance. On the other hand, it probably leaves him with plenty of spare time, which may explain why Major chose him as front man or should one say drummer boy? — in the beef war.

So there he is, splattered across Europe's television screens, invariably wearing loudly-striped suit and a stiff collar, both of which are like an idiot whenever he is caught on camera, no matter how much he is being hamiliated.

He looks like one of the stupider members of the Drones. which was Bertie Wooster favourite club. The only thing he lacks is a silver-toppe cane for him to suck. And maybe Jeeves could have a quiet word about that suit.

☐ I SEE that the Electoral Reform Society is sending a delegation to Mongolia to teach them how to run elections. I wish its members the best of luck, with a warning that other experts have been there before.

One of these was a sales nan from a US firm marketing those lever-operated voting machines used in American elections. He gave me the full sales pitch one day in a Commons bar.

When I questioned whether be could make one suited to our arcane electoral system. he replied: "Sir. there is no system we can't fit. Why, we even have an Outer Mongo-lian model; pull the wrong lever and it fills your belly with lead."

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THE RECOGNITION of every new ailment (ME, eating disorder, the latest, smartest allergies) is ac-companied by three developments: the support group, the telephone helpline and

bench MP keen to make the sufferers' cause his own. Every ailment, that is, bar one. Xenophobics, it seems. are the voiceless ones, fit only to take a terrible slating in the expensive newspapers. Where are the amateur social workers? Where is the TV star rattling the tin on Radio 4's "good cause" slot? Nowhere, that's where. And Britain's top phobia centre, the Maudsley Hospital in London, even doubts whether xenophobia is a real phobia at all. Irrational fear of strangers, explained nurse Kim Miller, is not a phobia by itself, although the "feared consequence" of contact with strangers may weli be. Has she ever treated a xenophobe? "No, definitely not . . . I've never heard of anyone being referred for it". Xenophobes take heart: the experts doubted migraine, once.

IDER still and wider (1): Britain may have lost control of its cod and kine, but our frontiers remain, as Harold Wilson once claimed, on the Himalayas. For those who suspect that the only aspect of the nation-state they would happily see redundant — the punching-our-weight, vital influence, global reach bit is, in reality, the only aspect likely to survive, this has not been a good week. On Tuesday, we learned of attacks on British soldiers

by Cypriots in the wake of the Louise Jensen murder. In the circs, a low British profile may have been in order, but a few days earlier, the Government announced that Sir David Hannay would "spearhead British attempts to break the deadlock" between the Cypriot Greeks and Turks, according to the Press Association. That Britain is

country to bring tranquillity to Cyprus seems to have rurred to no-one. On We**dnesday, t**he Foreign Office was punching our weight in Albania. The FO regretted the withdrawal of the main opposition parties from the elections, adding: "We hope that . . . parliamentary democratic pluralism in Albania is safeguarded." Come Thursday, and the Foreign Secretary was in Washington express

ing Britain's concerns about

activity does at least explain

why our eye seems never to be on the ball in Europe.

another election, in Israel.

Such pseudo-Gladstonian

currently the worst-placed

R WHO met a lessthan-ecstatic critical reception on his return to earth on Spring Bank Holiday, and the BBC is now no doubt beefing up the projected five years'

sts a modest time-trip back to November 1973 and the Radio Times 10th anniversary Who special, con-Are The Daleks, written by the creator of the killer dust bins, Terry Nation. In the closing lines, one of the char acters blurts out the horrible truth about the identity of the universe's most evil species — it's the human race. The Daleks, he sueests, being nuclear-war frazzled flesh inside armoured shells, represent the destination of man's evolution: "We are the Daleks." Strong meat at any time, and one month after the atomic brinkmanship of the Arab-(sraeli war it was obviously too rich for TV adaptation. The general idea, watered down, made teatime television in Genesis Of The Daleks many months later. with the nuclear holocaus suitably removed to far-off Skaro and Tom Baker ending with an upbeat speech sug-gesting the universe's good eggs would band together and dish the dusthins. In these more sophisticated times, the BBC should breath new life into Terry Nation's original conception. Or, as our stalk-eyed friends would have it, Resuscitate!

IDER still and wider (2): Elsewhere, another triumph for British influence emerged in Grozny where, on Tuesday, President Yeltsin flew in to inform his troops: "Victory is yours. We have won." The Foreign Office's heroic Douglas Hurd-created line on Chechenia, you will recall, has been to back the Russian invasion through out the "annihilation" of the

scribed in April by the Spanish observer Cantain Javier Laguna. In his book Diplomacy (Simon & Schuster; 1994), Henry Kissinger wrote of 19th century Czarist ex-pansionism: "Russia had elaborated methods of conquest which would become stereotyped. The victim was always so far from the centre of world affairs that few westerners had any precise idea of what was taking lace. They could thus fall back on their preconceptions that the czar was in fac benevolent and his subordinates were bellicose, turning distance and confusion into tools of Russian diplomacy. Of the European powers, only Great Britain conerned itself." Not any more it doesn't.

HE EMERGING British "Ivy League" may offend some academics,

but in an age when the local driving school is now a university we clearly need our institutions to be ranked in ample: London's fathers-tobe are currently being offered "holistic massage and relaxation", courtesy of healer Ricardo D'Gama, whose literature lists his credentials. These include "Diploma in healing: Dragon School of Healing". 'TTEC: Linda Harness School of Holistic Massage and "Reiki I and Reiki II: Frank Coppotiers (USA)". Centres of excellence every one, we don't doubt, but less reputable academies may be lucking in the shadows. By the way, Smallweed's own holistic approach to impending fatherhood (full course available for a round ton) has centred on the healing, calming, mind-body reunifying influence of Stone's Best Bitter.



The class of '66 . . . Bobby Moore and his immortals and below, Wolstenholme in training

much for days, but 30 years ago the problems with televising sport were enormous. Luxu rles like slow motion were in their infancy. In fact, there was only one machine in the country and it was used at the 1966 World Cup — the first time slow motion had been used in the coverage of a

sporting event.
Zoom lenses didn't come on line until 1965 and the BBC grabbed all the country possessed. There were only 35 tape machines in England. The BBC needed 36 of them. That seems laughable now, in an age when television has so much equipment at its dis-posal it could probably trans-mit a picture of a goalkeeper's heart racing just before he

One bitter disappointment when we knew that the eyes of the world would be on us was that the government was not to transmit the World Cup in colour. Black and white pictures were well and good — in fact they were the only sort

The government was told that as long as two years' notice was given, colour transmission was possible, which would obviously

had seen.

greatly enhance the coverage The television set manufacturers, however, lobbied hard, claiming they were not geared up to producing 625 lines sets essential for colour transmission until a year after the World Cup. That

argument won the day, though the more cynical among us would claim the nanufacturers were only trying to buy time to allow them

to clear their stocks of the old 405-line sets before introducing the modern variety. So it was left to Mexico, in 1970, to claim the technical chievement which could have been Britain's four years earlier but for the lack of foresight by our ollticians.

One thing television could not abide in 1966 was the com-mercialisation of sport. No way would the BBC allow any perimeter advertising. The only advert allowed was one on top of the scoreboard — it was for the Radio Times and

had been there for years. As the World Cup final day approached, thoughts turned to the organisation of the prewas that the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards, all 200 of them, would appear in the centre of the pitch. But they almost did not appear at all, following an earlier dispute

A couple of weeks before the final, the Musicians' Union pointed out to television officials that each bands man would be entitled to a fee of £10 an appearance, plus another £10 if the transmission went overseas. Service bandsmen are entitled to be paid a fee for all state occasions and events at Wembley Stadium were not

regarded as such. That was a body blow because it meant an unexpected additional expenditure

of £4,000 for the final alone —

the equivalent of £70,000 today. That sort of money did

not exist in anyone's budget. The idea of a World Cup in the presence of the Queen without the massed bands was acceptable to no one. So the problem was taken straight to the commander-in-chief of the brigade, who listened carefully and then personally signed the order that the bands would play at Wembley on her orders. It so happens that that person is Her Majesty the Queen. Prob-

lem solved. The Football Association called a full dress rehearsal of the for July 8. It was so mportant someone was engaged to stand in for the

placed on the track alongside would the following Monday. Now the Football Association might well be among the oldest and most influential ssociations in the game, and fine administrators of the sport they may or may not be depending on your point of view. But producers of exiravaganzas they certainly

Queen. She stood on a podium

were not. The whole thing was a shambles. The Brigade of Guards, accustomed as they were to excellence, were aghast. BBC and ITV producers were looking for an escape route. George Stanton of Wembley Stadium was trying to work out how to go sick on the big day. The second runthrough, after a tea break, was an even bigger shambles

It was decided something



had to be done. England's big-gest ever sporting event could not be allowed to begin with Towers. It just couldn't

It was agreed Stanton would approach the FA immediately and ask whether Wembley Stadium could take over the production of the

opening ceremony, or at least the parade. The FA, with the sort of alacrity which sugdelighted to get rid of the res-ponsibility, agreed. It was too late to change

anything; all that could be done was to smarten everything and everyone up. First of all, the band was stood down with the exception of

the big bass player. Then on to the scene walked a giant of a sergeant-major, whose voice must have resembled claps of thunder for miles around. He took charge of the youngsters as if they were new recruits and worked on them until some of them felt fit to drop. Some were near to tears. They found what blistered

feet and aching backs felt like. They religared time after time until they had it 100 per What had been a stroll bewelk . . . then a march. In the

end they had got it. A sham-bles had been turned into a Saturday, 30 July, 1966, is a date lodged in my memory for ever. People often ask me that World Cup final day. I

can only answer that it was three thousand people turned n the words of the England lefender, Ray Wilson: "The Germans played well in the first half but we steamrollered them in the second." Steamroller them England certainly did. Alan Ball was an examp

of perpetual motion, Bobby Bobby Charlton won his battle with Franz Becken-All well and good, but for all the steamrollering, for all the superiority, it was still level at one aplece until 12 minute

before the end. England won a corner, the tireless Alan Ball

took it, it was cleared, but

Wembley exploded.
England were in the lead. The
England fans' singing of
When the Reds Go Marching In grew louder and louder. There was little time last when the Germans launched their death or glory attack.

Emmerich hit the ball hard from a free-kick into the goal mouth where the ball bobbled around for a second or two before Wolfgang Weber forced it over the line. Not, say the English players, before Haller handled it. Whether he had or not doesn't matter — the ref-eree allowed the goal and

only towards Geoff Hurst who shot first time. Schulz tried to hoof it clear, but the ball

soared into the air and as it came down Martin Peters was

there to whack it into the net.

West Germany were level There were a number of English people not best pleased with that goal. Over the years though I have come the decisions he did, and Wolf gang Weber for scoring that

second goal.
Just think — if Weber hadn't equalised in the 90th minute, England would have won 2-1, there would have been no Geoff Hurst hat-trick no people on the pitch . . . and nobody remembering Kenneth Wolstenholms

Five years ago a charity held a dirmer at Wembley to celebrate the silver jubilee of the World Cup win and I told the story of that goal, "My great ambition," I said, "is to meet Wolfgang Weber again and thank him." Just then Franz Beckenbauer, who was at the dinner, called out, "He's tust walked in."

And there was Weber, having motored all the way

celebrations England went into the second period of extra-time leading 3-2. Agonisingly slowly, time ticked away. Seconds felt like minut minutes hours. Right at the eath, Bobby Moore won possession deep in England's

iefensive area. Jack Chariton acreamed at him to boot it high into the stand, which is what 99 out of 100 players would have done. But Bobby was the hun-

dredth. He looked up and saw Geoff Hurst ahead of him. At that moment, the refere put the whistle in his mouth. I remember thinking, this is it, England have won. It was then that I noticed Moore had chested the ball down in our penalty area and released that perfect pass to Hurst, and that one or two people had climbed over the low wall and were beginning to run on the

"They think it's all over," came out And as Geoff Hurst shot, what else would do but "It is

"Some people are on the pitch. They think it's all over It is now" — 14 words which have stuck to me ever since. Fourteen words that are my pension because they have been used so many times by so many people. Yet, quite honestly, I cannot

remember ever saying them.

They think it's all over: Memories of the greatest day in English football by Kenneth Wolstenholme is published on June 10 by Robson Books, price £14.95

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Moving the goalposts for the idiot genius



Martin Kettle

F HUMAN societies were organised on the consistent moral and civic principles which politicians and pundits love to proclaim then there is no doubt whatever that Paul Gascoigne should have been sent packing from the England football squad in disrace and that he would probably still be helping the police with their inquiries into his alleged behaviour on that midweek Cathay Pacific 747 trip

back from Hong Kong. But because of what is at stake, no such thing has happened. Because he is Gascoigne. England's best footwhom England can have no lingering hope of success at starting a week today, he remains unpunished. Without Gascoigne, the crowds who have managed to get untainte tickets to the England games might diminish still further. Without him, television audi-

ences would droop too, and the advertisers for whose benefit most modern sport is conducted would want to know the reason why. As a result, amid much shuffling of official feet and resolute looking in the other direction, the wayward Gazza lives to dropkick another dav.

There is no real secret about this. Everybody realises that a blind eye is being turned. Everybody knows exactly why. Morally, no one really finds it easy to defend. And yet it is practically certain that a very high proportion of the male English are secretly relieved that the authorities have behaved so shamelessly. People may say that they want to see universal justice done, but not that much, at least not in this

This is the reason why this otherwise fairly trivial episode of men behaving badly is full of wider lessons about Britain today. But, as ever, those lessons are subtly inflected by time, place and nationality, if it had not been the eve of the might easily have been more severe. Ditto, paradoxically, if the championships had been taking place somewhere other than England. And had it not been Gazza, England's indispensible idiot genius, but a more marginal player who orchestrated £5,000 worth of damage then they would not have

got away with it, even now, There is also something distinctively English about this particularly blatant piece of hypocrisy. By coincidence, Ireland

banned their own captain this week for misbehaviour (though admittedly Ireland are not playing in the championnot to sanse that if Scotland's est player, Gary McAllister, had been involved in some thing like this (perish the un-thinkable thought) the official instinct to brush everything under the carpet would proba-bly have been overcome. And it Eric Cantona had dropkicked a television the way he once dropkicked a fan, the wheels o

justice would certainly have

been set in motion once more.

All of which goes to remind us that in the multi-million pound industry that British sport has now become, there is a fine and highly moveable line between the acceptable and the unacceptable. Particularly in their English versions, the rules offer an unreliable guide to the instinctively opportunist workings of the official sporting mind. In no way does football have the elastic field to itself. But if Britannia could waive the rules to get Zola Budd into the Olympics, it isn't going to get a little matter

like a wrecked aircraft get in The larger point is just that Gascoigne's case makes a com-plete mockery of both public standards of behaviour and the general credibility of rules sn't the footballer's fault that what his agent ludicrously described as mild high jinks coincided with the announcement that Michael Howard was about to turn his attention to rooting out the yob culture from our streets. But the blind eye that is turned to Gascoigne destroys any official credibil-ity which such a policy might

Everybody realises that a blind eye is being turned. Everybody knows exactly why

have — even in the contemptible Howard's hands. I am not convinced, as I argued here last week, that bad behavlour is pecessarily either worse or more wide pread now than in the past. But it is pretty indisputable that there is a genuine problem of public male boorishness, very often connected Mr Howard is entitled to be

worried. Exaggerated it may be, but it exists, and it frightens and dissociety is right to encourage good behaviour and to discour age bad. So to reward the manifestly appalling behaviour of a man who, while not exactly a role-model, is never theless a person with public responsibilities, is to send exactly the wrong message at exactly the wrong time.

that that is the lesson which preachers and moral regulators simply have to learn. They nising that there is a limit to what governments, bishops, kings and judges can enforce. Public figures may constantly feel impelled to be moral legis lators, but they need to know that, for a thousand reasons, they may as well try to catch the wind or command the tides. The world is too complet

to jump to the tune of the Home Secretary or even a Guardian editorial Even so, wrecking part of an aircraft overstep the acceptable mark. Even in humble and relativist moral haviour. The readiness with which the English football audoned it diminishes still further the low esteem in which

they are widely held. The English like to think of themselves as incorruptible. Our politicians speak constantly of the rule of law. When

turbs many people who are entitled to be protected from it. A cther nations, our obedience to rules is a source of national elf-esteem. We are the ones we are always telling those Europeans, who actually obey the rules, even if, as in the fishing disputes, it is to our own disadvantage to do so.
But the Gascoigne episode
mocks that smug claim. It
shows that it is only true up to

a point and perhaps not even true at all. Perhaps this failing would be less resonant if foot-ball in particular, and sport in general, was not encouraged to embody so much of our collec-tive self-image. Yet in the frenzied international psychodrama which tabloid ournalism and post-imperial tristesse have combined to cre-ate for us, the distinctions be-

tween sport and politics became blurred long ago. Through this distorting lens, Euro '96 is the extension of the beef war by other means and an England victory, especially over Germany, would be widely treated as a collective

reaffirmation of the proper order of things. I'd like to pre tend it's only a game. Yet if it is not, then we had better look ourselves in the mirror and recognise what the rest of the world must sometimes see: an ignorant, aggressive nation of hoodlums, ruled by hypocrites. It's almost enough to make me support Scotland instead. But

Desk rage, or what the office lads do because they don't think it's good to talk

IMON the sales director didn't know what hit him. "He just flew at me, grabbed me, found the neels and tried to throttle me. It took five people to restrain him." Simon was a victim of desk rage, set upon at work by his boss.

Increasingly the pressures of working life are giving rise to spats in the office. Employees are seething. The City is littered with lost rags. Marcus, a broker, based his dealing strategy on Madrid reducing interest rates. When they didn't, he grabbed the phone and hurled it through his computer screen, disabling the system. "It was an impulse. It nearly lost me my job."

Analytical psychologist Professor Andrew Samuels claims desk rage is the result of new economic and social pressures. "Men find themselves in an unbearably competitive environment at work. Downsizing and lack of job security play their part, but the key factor is the modern fallacy that men are victims. The idea that laddishness is an acceptable reaction to perceived victimisation has snipped the

moral shackles and men feel justified in lashing out." Panl, a press officer. thinks minor irritations are more common causes of tension. "It's usually the small

things that wind you up. I once worked with a woman who used to eat all day. It ats away at me and soured our relationship." Andrew Mar-shall, president of the Brit-ish Men's Counselling Association, concurs. "Con-flicts are often caused by the

build up of little problems." But why is it only men that explode? According to Marshall, women express their anger far more subtly. "Women combat an enemy talking behind their back. This acts as an immediate outlet for their frontrution But men are notoriously bad at talking about their problems: "They feel pressure to be strong oaks. They think

admitting someone is aggra vating them will be seen as a builds, and eventually they explode." But with the trend for constant assessment and short-term contracts likely to con-

tinue, the working environment is going to get less se-cure. So what can be done given that traditional male techniques of stress relief — drinking heavily, kicking the dog — aren't working? Marshall says it's good to talk. "You must de the issues before they get out of hand."

Paul Kelso

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Hungry and in Vogue

NT it about time the editor of Vogue dropped her defensive denials ('Anorexic models cost Vogue ads. May 31 and started acknowl-⊬iging the complex cultural pressures which encourage hundreds of thousands of women to subject themselves to voluntary starvation? Of course Trish Goff, Kate

Moss et al do not "cause" eating disorders, any more than Marilyn Monroe forced black comen to bleach their skin. But Alexandra Shulman is clever enough to know that anorexia is a response to, and an attempt to negotiate, the difficult and often contradictory demands her readers face in pursuing success both as work rs and as women. Ambitious young women know that they must work like carthorses and look like whippets, that they must combine narcissism with self-denial, and sexual appetite with physical hunger. Women's magazines are their pornography and their manual in that quest.

I am no longer anorexic, but I am still fascinated and repelled by the fantasy ideal of femininity represented by Vogue, and by its smug lie that women can achieve that fan-tasy without sacrificing their health and happiness. That is why I continue to buy it, and that is why Alexandra Shulman will continue to print it. Tara Kaufmann. 72 Westow Hill, London SE19.

OW refreshing to read that Giles Rees of Omega has withdrawn his advertising campaign from Vogue as a pro test against the anorexic models they constantly promote. As the editor and owner of the only magazine in Europe to take a positive approach to plus sizes, I find it ironic that in the three years of our existence we have never carried a advertisement of any sort other than for fashion specifically aimed at larger women.

Advertisers don't appear to believe that bigger women drive cars, wear make-up and watches, use banks or do any of the things that "normal" women do. No, we are lazy. stupid and greedy and simply sit, feeling depressed in dark corners, watching TV and sating cream cakes. (We don't get advertisements from Mr Kipling either.) Even some of the specialist chains of shops for arger women don't take ads with us in the belief that they would only be "preaching to

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ket, May 29), no meat from cat-

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the converted". As a very small publishing company we are swimming against an enormously strong tide of propaganda which constantly tells women they cannot live their lives until they are thin. Not true: there are 7.5 million women in this country who take size 16 or over. Most of them are happy; many have successful careers. If Mr Rees would like to reach some of them through our advertising pages, we would be very happy Janice Bhend. Editor, Yes!

WE would like to express our support and congrat-ulations to Giles Rees of Omega Watches. As both patients and staff of an eatingdisorders unit we are only too aware of the pressures the fashion industry places upon young women to conform to an unrealistic body image. In recent years, the situation appears to have got worse with more and more malnourished women appearing both on the catwalks and in publications such as Vogue. It is time the purveyors of these images took their effects seriously. They have not, so far, been persuaded to do so by sufferers and clinicians. Perhaps the threat of lost revenue will go same way to providing young people with positive, healthy and realistic images of the female form Sophie Pitts. Katherine Williams. Sally Utting. Robert Munro.

SUFFERED from anorexia and later bulimia for several years from adolescence into my twenties. The view of the Vogue editor, Alexandra Shulman, that the "loss of selfworth" lying at the root of an-orexia is not due to magazines. is doubtless correct. But the crime of macazines such as Vogue pertains more to a set of commercial values inherent in society which they willingly Joanna Goodrick. 47 Great King Street.

SHOULD like to put forward an anglophile German's view

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is perceived in Germany

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disorders unit.

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Juggling with ethics in the lab human interests because they (Letters, May 31) that mysteriously correspond to a

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scientists cannot be res ponsible for how science is used" is wrong and dangerous Would this apply to a scientist developing a new, lethal virus for an aggressive government? Even the science of "understanding how the world works" is not value-free, as the climate-change debate shows. The strength of science should not lie in the absence of values, but in a methodology adopted that clearly states all the assumptions and value judgments made in reaching conclusion. Scientists are people living in a political society and yet it is too often assumed that they can shed their political opinions as Philippe Pernstich. School of Environmental Sciences. University of East Anglia,

OLPERT does not ad-vance the public understanding of science by naively value-free in the search to understand how the world works. Science is not a single description but an often disparate set of practices which phi ologists have in the main eased to regard as methodologically unified. Similarly,

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realm of objective facts, whilst another set is mired in a subjective realm of values, is highly implausible. Science Is the name we give to indicate the value we place on a prac-tice that is identifiable on the basis of institutional and other disciplinary modes of consensus-building; ethics, politics, literary theory etc likewise honour different values. Only an invidious distinction between Mind and World would arrogate to science a privileged role in understanding the latter and restrict other human activities to the former (Dr) Neil Gascoigne. Department of Languages and Social Sciences, University, East Road, Cambridge CB1 1PT.

HE decision to put resources into studying chemical A rather than chemcal B is a value-laden, even political, decision. It depends on who wants to do what with the results, and in whose interests. Are decisions to study the association between social inequalities and people's health rather than the genet-ics of IQ value free? Knowldge does not just "appear". It is socially created by scientists, although communicated and applied by others. Everyone, including scientists, should be involved in and feel responsibility for both the

science that is carried out and how it is applied. (Dr) Susan Michie Research Fellow in Health Psychology, Medical School Old Building UMDS, Guy's Campus, London SE1 9TR.

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OBS Wolpert seriously believe that the scientist is beyond good and evil? To delm that scientific knowledge is value-free is as ridiculous as claiming that all men and women are born equal. Does he really think that scien tists are some super-human breed who can cut themselve: of from the cultural, social and political contexts of their work? After all, where does the money come from to sup-port their work? Were Nazi innocent of the use to which their work would be put? Were miclear scientists innocent of the horrific consequences of their discoveries? Of course not. Knowledge does not exist in a vacuum. It has to be medi ated, and that brings with it ethical and moral conse-quences and responsibilities. To deny these responsibilities is to lower the scientist to the base level of arms manufactur ers who claim they are not responsible for the ways in

which their products are used

IR George Young is right

(Letters, May 31) to be en-

(Dr) Jonathan Cross.

University of Bristol,

Victoria Rooms.

ties meddling en masse with nature to the destruction of us all, although you could be forgiven for thinking so after reading John Vidal's article (Be very afraid, May 29). Vidal states some of the current limits of biological and chemi cal knowledge, as though scientists are being deliberately incompetent. He then goes on to imply that because they don't know all the answers. scientists should not be trusted to try to find out. To put the blame for health

SCIENTISTS are not threatening, faceless enti-

CMON, JULES -THIS IS AS BAD AS IT'S GOING

scares on sinister scientists confuses the issue and ignores the roles of policy-makers and industrialists — the scientists' paymasters — and the media itself. This helps no one and only reinforces public fear, hostility and misunderstanding. Rachel Coleman. 67 The Green, Christian Malford, Chippenham. Wilts SN154BQ.

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are more likely to appear.

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reading. He is right to say that

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dependence on car use, and

Park the car and head for the bus

When a lovely place to travel can be a lonely place to live

CAN'T let Catherine Ben-net's highly selective quota-tions from the Lonely Planet guidebook to Burma go unchallenged (Why the right people stay at home, May 29). Simply because we publish a book about a place does not mean we approve of its human-rights record, think its government is wonderful, agree with its eco-nomic policies or even want people to visit the country. The very first chapter of our Burma guide concludes with a ection headed Should You Visit Myanmar?, which starts with the statement that SLORC "is abominable" and concludes with the concern that

Myanmar's repressive, inept government to stay in power that little bit longer". Nevertheless, it is not our job to publish guidebooks to places which Catherine Bennett thinks are acceptable to visit. Where does she draw the line? Should we withdraw our France guidebook because the French like to test their nuclear weapons in other people's backyards? Or our Australian guidebook because they've been slow to reform their gun-control laws?

visiting Burma may "allow

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Tony Wheeler.

ONE of the fascinations of foreign travel, unless you pack your ideology with you when you go, is that you can never be sure what to expect when you arrive; that the countries with the most horrible governments seem to have the sweetest people. This was true in Burma when I vis-

ited last year. True travel is not about a right to burn under alien skies": indeed, the conventional tourist who wants a trouble-free formight in the sun would not dream of going to these controversial places. Also, what exactly are I'm not talking about the ex-treme cases as in Bosnia but

the myriad cases which occur lower down the scale of awfulness. Does Ms Bennett know what is going on in Guatemala

or in Mexico under the superdsion of the United Nations? Her attitude to travel opera-tors and writers is also unfair. It's alright to attack the hyped prose of the company which writes about the legendary charms of the Irrawaddy river. but she is unfair to publishers and to travellers who simply cannot be expected to put moral issues above all other considerations.

Ian Kerr. 31 Talbot Terrace. East Sussex BN7 2DS.

mentary concerning the ethics of travel to Burma. Burma is an example of human-rights abuses being directly caused by tourism development. Tourism is now increasingly associated with environmental and social destruction. As has happened on a vast acale in Burma, people are forced off their land in order to

\ \ /E WERE delighted to see

free-up land for development. Local communities suffer from shortages of water because of the vast quantities siphoned off by hotels. The tourism industry has

been reluctant to voice any concerns about human-rights abuses connected to tourism. Human suffering is, it seems. considered too controversial. We are delighted however that four British tour operators have made the decision not to operate in Burma for ethical reasons, and that eight others, although still operating there, have sent a statement to Lt Gen Kyaw Ba. Minister for

Hotels and Tourism in Rangoon, stating their deep concerns. The tourism industry and travelling public, foreign must make it clear that such atrocities are not acceptable. Patricia Barnett. Director, Tourism Concern. Southlands College, Wimbledon Parkside,

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Alleviated by Latin and soap

and affection. Moreover, the LCC Fire Regulations were strictly adhered to even by such a roaring success as Up-stairs, Downstairs, Pauline's tweed suit was certainly broken down — mostly with soap rubbed in to look greasy, and a nutmeg grater for fraying. Sheila Jackson. (Costume designer, Upstairs, Downstairs.) 1f Oval Road

FOLLOWING road rage, we recently had a case of assault with a floppy disc when one student felt aggrieved that another had reserved a PC during a coffee break. Is this the first case of disc fever? Jonathan Orford. University of Wales

couraging people to use public transport, but capping train fares, whilst including buses and coaches in a blanket 5-per-London NW1 7EA.

recover the cost? Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS.

Allergy danger

SIMON Wessely's identifica-tion of food and chemical allergies with fears about contemporary society (Sickness of the century, May 28) makes me angry. Eleven years ago our son died as a result of psychiatrists' refusal to believe that his mental symptoms always followed certain foods and most psychiatric drugs. Growing numbers of hospitals now test and treat allergies and nutritional deficiencies. Schizophrenic and hyperactive children are among those who may respond dramatically to such treatment. but we have vet to hear of a psychiatrist who would not choose to give drugs, however Elizabeth Girling. Chairperson, Lothian Allergy Support Group. 33 Drummond Place, Edinburgh EH36PW.

But what he omits is the fact that people have been asking these questions for years, and

that "people are asking how duties, will not help. The extra fuel tax has alwe can ensure that air quality ...[is] not irrevocably damready cost over £100 million ged over the longer term" (my italics). since the policy was introduced in 1993 — enough to buy 1,000 new buses. Higher fares, rather than helping improve ous services, put passengers we are now seeing the effects of Tory policy in "the longer term". Warm words are no off. How else can companies

So please, Sir George, when you say "public transport". don't forget that the bus is the only form of public transport in most towns and villages. Britain has 2.500 railway stations, but a quarter of a million bus stops. When commuters leave the family saloon at home, the alternative is more likely to be a 30-seater midibus or a high-capacity doubledecker than a Super Sprinter or a high-speed train. (Dr) Martin Higginson. Economic Adviser. Confederation of Passenge

Transport UK, 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields,

London WC2A 3LZ.

clists and pedestrians have also fallen dramatically. Under his government we have had 17 years of transport failures. It is time for some real transport initiatives. Labour will develop an inte grated national transport network that provides real alternatives to car use, and real transport choices Graham Allen MP. Shadow Transport Minister.

substitute for action. Since bus leregulation, the number of

bus passengers has fallen, and

in that period numbers of cv-

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The dangers of snapshot justice

THE release to the press of photographs of individuals at a football match, who may be wanted for police questioning. highlights the concerns about the unregulated use of closed circuit TV footage. Once those pictures are in the public domain those individuals face a risk of association with crimi nal activity which may have had nothing to do with them.

Whilst there is reasonable

suspicion that most or all of

those pictured have been party to an offence, a balance needs to be struck between ensuring that suspects are brought to justice and that the individual is protected. Only the courts are experienced in ensuring any invasion into an individual's privacy can be justified. Jonathan Cooper. Director of law and policy.

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A Country Diary

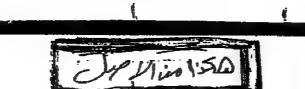
MACHYNLLETH: Remember | number 116 has been pubthe Puffin Picture Books? Admit it and you will be giving away your age because their time on earth was mainly in the 1940s and 1950s. They were inexpensive little paperbacks, some of them masterpieces of clear writing and beautiful illustration. covering all manner of subjects suitable for children, and were great educators. Some were devoted to wildlife and were of enormous help to budding naturalists. Over the years all these booklets have become rare and treasured; but were there really 120 of them, as the publishers' list claimed? The answer is no, because number 116 failed to appear owing to the sudden death of its author. Paxton Chadwick. The whole series faded away a few years later. Recently, however, a file at Penguin Books came to light which contained the text of number 116. When the author's widow, Lee Chadwick, was contacted, it turned out that she still possessed Paxton's original plates. The result is that

late. Called "Life Histories". it very lucidly describes those fascinating changes that many creatures go through from birth to the adult stage Among the animals superbly illustrated in these 32 pages are frogs, eels, salmon, sticklebacks, crabs. jellyfish, burying beetles. puss moths, ants, ichneumon flies, warble flies, mayflies and a whole lot more. There is an ironic twist to this story: Paxton Chadwick was a left-winger passionately in favour of educating the masses through low-cost publications. If his book had appeared on schedule it would probably have cost no more than 2/6d But as it is now. in an edition limited to 1,000, it costs rather more. It is published by the Penguin Collectors' Society, a nonprofit-making body, in celebration of their coming of age and can be obtained by sending them a cheque for £3. Their address is 52. Derry Hill, Calne, Wilts, SN11 9NR. WILLIAM CONDRY



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Constable who made a fair cop

When Robert Reeve became Robyn, everybody backed her decision to change sex — her wife, her daughters, her therapist and even her police force



T WAS a gift of a story. "A police officer who was transferred from his rural beat after making only one arrest during the year has started to dress as a woman." "ACDC Pc" yelled the accompanying Telegraph headline; "Pc ACDC" shrieked the Sun in reverse. "A woman trapped For 26 years in the body of a boy in blue!" shrilled the Daily Mail. "And did you see this one, about me losing my truncheon," asks Robyn Reeve, laughing bravely and pulling out press cuttings from her briefcase as the Earls Court

We have arranged to meet outside the London Institute for Human Sexuality. Me, Ro-byn, her wife Jeanette, and Fran Springfield, "a clinical nurse specialist in gender Identity", who arrives breathless. We follow her down the steps of the red-brick mansion block, through a beige recep-tion area and on to a smart consulting room. 'Thank you for coming all the way from Kent," I say brightly. "I hope the journey wasn't too much

The word seems to bounce off the sofa and echo. Drag. drag, drag . . . "Are you trying to be funny," laughs Robyn, smoothing her skirt with immaculate holly berry nails. She doesn't really look as if

the used to be a man.
I have spoken to Fran, the counsellor, in advance, who tells me that I should refer to Robyn as female throughout our conversation. Until we meet, I am slightly worried I might slip up, but it soon be-comes clear that this is the natural response. Contrary to the report in the Mail, Robyn is not "heavily rouged", netther "does the feminine illu-sion and at his feet which are a hefty size 10". She is undergoing electrolysis to remove the beardline and if we were to meet in a supermarket queue, I probably wouldn't notice

anything untoward. 'And I wasn't wasning a lacy bra, I don't know where she got that from," says Robyn fully. To which Reeve can say

HE aristocracy has

long been chiselling away at its collective

memorial, and two

events this week have added

crossly, referring to the Mail's 1 suggestion that she had swapped her police officer's uniform for "a lacy bra" "My bra is white nylon. Marks & Spencer." She pats her chest. "I can remember getting tender on the breasts, l can remember them filling out. I was extremely chuffed when my boobs started grow ing." "You were very proud," riggles Jeanette, her wife, haking an attractive wedge of

shaking an attractive wedge of chestnut hair. "I was ex-tremely proud," replies Robyn. Jeanette is also upset by the tabloid coverage, particularly at the suggestion that their two daughters have been anything other than supportive of their father. Which is why she wants to redress the balance and hopes to offer help to any-one else in her position. Yes, of course, it was difficult to understand at first, and they all had a grizzle. But she has never had any doubt they would come through this as a family: "Jane rings up from university and always asks how's Robyn getting on?"

"She sent me a scarf the other day," Robyn puts in. "Now that's one thing I want to ask you, Fran. If the girls have friends home, how do you think they should introduce me? We had thought that they could say: 'This is my Mum and this is her partner Robyn, who's my guardian'. '

There are several ways, says Fran, matter-of-factly. "You could say this is my other parent. Or I've been with people and they've said 'This is Helen, my dad.' Now." she says, eyeing my notepad, "shall we get some things straight. Transsexuality is not a disease, it's a medical condition and it's caused in the womb, somewhere between six and nine weeks after conception. The body becomes male, but the brain

stays female." Which is exactly what happened to Robert Reeve. It took him 47 years to find out. Aged 20 and anxious to suppress confusing and difficult feel-ings, he signed up for the Merchant Navy. "Oh yes," says Fran, knowingly. "Find any Merchant Navy ship and you'll find transvestites and nomosexuals!" Once aboard, Robert met both, but knew he was neither. The question was what exactly was he?

He was a woman in a man's body. This time next year she will be a woman in a woman's body. "You can't make a male brain to fit a male body, but we can make the body match



Robyn Reeve and gender specialist Fran Springfield: 'You can't make a male brain to fit a male body, but we can make the body match the brain'

only "Thank God!" Her secret life is out in the open and you ays Robyn.

in their new identity to ensure | there with my dressing-gown

can smell her relief. A life spent deceiving colleagues in the Kent police about the nature of her sexuality has come to an end. Shortly, she will have her testes removed and her penile and scrotum skin reversed to create a vagina. Labia will also be fashioned. together with a clitoria apable of achieving orgasm

replumbed," says Fran, brisk ly. "Oh, you've got to laugh," chirps Jeanette infectiously. thumping the sofa. "You can't tell the differmes," Fran continues reassu

ingly. "I haven't got them with

'We call it refashioned and

me but I could have shown you The name - Jeanette sugested Robyn because it was similar to Robert — has been changed by deed poll. On Apri 25, Robert disappeared and Robyn arrived for good. The guidelines for doctors treating transsexuals state that a client

they can cope with such a ramatic change. "At least I'll get special treatment from the AA rlow,"

Looking back of course there were signs. The little red handbag which Robert, then aged three, insisted on carrying with him wherever he went. The time at the holiday camp when, aged 10, the

gave him a nickname – Henrietta. The times he tried on his mother's dresses and

other boys

later, when he bought his own, which he kept in the attic and house was empty. Signs which now make it all seem obvious. Did Jeanette, a sales assistant, ever suspect her husband

wanted to be a woman? "Once she came home and caught me," says Robyn, "T didn't have time to get

on." Was wearing clothes the only aspect of being a woman he liked? "Oh no. I liked housework.

"Yes, and he'd do the shopping," interrupts Jeanette, who refers to Robyn in the past tense as "he". "And he was happy to cook." "Yes, you couldn't cook a

'I used to suppress these tremendous urges, but as I got older it became clearer that I wanted to be a woman'

> come home and I'd have done roast beef, roast potatoes and all the trimmings." "Everyone would say how

lucky I was," says Jeanette But gradually Robyn's desire to become a woman was too big to be contained within the family. "I used to get these tremendous urges. Sometimes they'd go down, or I'd suppress

got older it became clearer that I wanted to be a woman. Full time. Inside the home, but more importantly outside, in shopping centres, pubs, clubs and parks. She was fed up with spending the evening worrying that someone might pop in and find out that their

them for a year or so, but as I

local bobby was wearing blouse. Col started to notice her pierced ears

nette was increasingly uneasy and Robert's work was suffering. "I felt terrible, so depressed and miserable. One day I got a stinking migraine and couldn't face work." So she went to the GP expecting to be told to come back in a few weeks if she was still

unhappy. Instead, the GP confirmed Robyn's suspicions that she might be a transsexual and

referred her to Fran. Mean-while, he told her to take two weeks off. A police welfare ofto be a problem'. And I've been back ever since. And so life continues. Next

points out, because she is a francexual, but because the

condition would make it diffi-

cult to do the job. An expert in

arms and "a crack shot at 600 metres" she has hunded back

though she is still a member of

She has also joined a club for railway enthusiasts. Hear-

her keys to the armoury,

ing Robyn had retired, a

friend called to see if she wanted to join him on a rail-

way project. "I said: 'Well you have to understand there's

been a bit of a change. I'll come down, but as a woman and

the local gun club.

es and side-effects of the

week, it's speech therapy and tuition with "female commufloer came round to see what was going on. "He said: 'It's stress, you're just depressed.' I said: 'Have you heard of trans-sexuality?' He said: 'Ah!' ' According to Robyn, the nication and mannerisms. she says, gesturing rather wildly. "Lest week I snapped my fingers and someone said: force was totally supportive and she is now retired on the grounds of ill-health. Not, she that'.

"Transsaxuals can get a bit obsessive," Fran points out suddenly. "I would say your tures were time, Robyn. And sex? "Well, transsexuils have a low libido. I'll just have to wait and see," says Robyn, "It's unlikely that Ro-byn's sexual orientation will change," remarks Fran. "Fifty per cent of transsexuals are in leebian relationships." So where does this leave Jeanette? "He's always been

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there for me, always sup-ported me and I realised one day I've just go to support him

Fran Sprinofield can be let's see how we get on'. He said: 'I don't think that's going London WC1N3XX: 01323 470230

Discreet charm of the lords

Despite this week's sale of manorial titles, JOHN CUNNINGHAM believes the aristocracy still has a future

evidence of its diminishing social force. With her divorce the Duchess of York, a cast-off from the House of Windsor, has been foisted on the ranks of the aristos — she was a mere member of the gentry before her marriage.

And that seriously decadent peer, the Marquess of Bristol. was reduced to auctioning a handful of titles to the lord ships of manors, "If you are the Majquess of Bristol," the sale publicist said, "you don't need superfluous titles as well." Maybe not, but there is no doubt that the £50,000 raised - pin-money comraised — pin-money com-pared with the £7 million Bris-tol is reputed to have squandered in a druggy decade — is needed to help finance his retreat from Britain. His pres-ence on the map of Suffolk has shrunk: only 100 acres of the 4,000-acre family estate remain; he's even quit his worth House, now owned by the National Trust, for a modest dy'elling in the grounds.

the climate will be better for his poor health, Alas, poor Bristol. He is only 41. The ow in a couple more displaced or disgraced aristos and the picture is tired enough to jade a gossip colum-Carl Spencer, ninth holder of the title created in 1765, has recently left the family se at and settled in South Africa. A broken marriage, running the family flefdom in Northants, and the family firm. Altrop, all got too much.

But his presence will be sea-sonal: he is building a beach house in the Bahamas, where

Then there's Lord Brocket, now in jail for a £4.5 million classic car insurance fraud. He may never live in the ancestral home again: against his wishes, Brocket Hall was but on the market this week. bly be sold before he com-

pletes his five years inside Add in another titled B the Marquess of Blandford heir to the 11th Duke of Marlborough (title created in 1702) whose derring do over the last decade has fallen into a cycle of court appearances for drugs, divorce and alimony.

Does nothing change? Are the aristos being hit by the truth of historian David Cannadine's analysis of their decay, which set in during the 1880s, with the erosion of their estates, and which he charts in The Decline And Fall Of There are signs that we've

had enough of knocking the nobs and very faint sugges-tions that their social fortunes may be on the upturn. Consider the evidence. You'd think that campaign-

ing to get a jailed peer out of the nick would be last on everyone's list of lost causes, and there's little about Charles Ronald George Nall-Cain Brocket's plight -- on the face of it - to warrent our sympathy. Yet some public figures have come to his defence. One of them tugged the consciences of Sunday Times readers last week: "Violent criminals get five years and are out in two; rapists ditto. yet in a non-violent and nonvictim crime, the book is thrown at a man who has lost everything, including his three children. Surely this is

not the middle ages.



Reduced circumstances: the Marquess of Bristol

columnist, Taki. better know for petty feuds than major causes, and it takes far more than one headline to turn a trend, but that astute observe of British manners, Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of Burke's Peerage reckons that something is afoot. "The tabloids have pounded away at members of the peerage who are not per-sona grata for so long that the public are tired of it. There is now a sympathy vote which has reversed the trend in favour of the aristocracy." As for wayward scions, the

nobility "seem to have a much lower proportion of naughty children than any other group I've ever heard of." Brooks-Baker also notes that it's been cool to be an aristocrat in the last decade in France, after a period when there was embarrassment about titles. The same is true in Germany. Could it be so here?

Actually, it's happening behind the scenes — or more accurately, in the shires. In fact, the clout of the aristo in some counties has hardly less ened over the decades. We're not talking of the voting peers at Westminster, nor of the lords who've turned their stately homes into IKEAs of the heritage business. This afternoon, a tiny bit of

Wiltshire will come to a stand-

still for the funeral of an an-

Telegraph didn't show Lord
Margadale in pin-stripe pants,
even though he was a Tory MP
for yonks and a fabled behindwas in hunting pinks — Mas-ter of the South and West Wilts foxhounds for 33 years — and binoculared at a point-to-point - he was a first-class shot and polo player. Wiltshire isn't remember-

ing Margadale as a former MP or even as the last hereditary peer created by Harold Macmillan, but as a pillar of the social order and supporter. berable local causes. He was a was too big to fit a cinema sent and he sold two hunters through the magazine Horse And Hound because they couldn't take his weight. He wasn't much of a speechifier but he was unstinting, and un-resented, for decades of community service. And that's what counts.

His life make the case for the discreet unobtrusivenes of the aristocracy. Maybe it disproves what the Duke of Devonshire, that prime hustler in the heritage stakes at Chatsworth, told Professor Cannadine: "The aristocracy is an anachronism. They have no power and there is not much point in titles without

Maybe. But the Americans, at least, have spotted the aristoeracy as an attractive anachronism. Maybe, as farming dwindles and we start to reinvent the countryside. county lords and ladies will come into their own again, dispensing what used to be called "relief" to the poor as the wel-fare state crumbles. Maybe, the next social trend. If that is so, at least large parts of the top-end of its social structure are benignly in place across cient country buffer who com- the shires.

Home wasn't manded newspaper oblituaries big as gravestones. The pictures in the Times and Daily Telegraph didn't show that

Labour can't repair the damage overnight, warns DAVID BLUNKETT

ODAY'S Labour Policy Forum meeting on the Road to the Manifesto is another milestone on the long road to a general elec-

tion too long in coming. and realism is crucial in win ning the general election and in ensuring that disillusionfirst term in office. Labour is developing a programme to enable progress to be made over two terms in office, rather than expecting every reform to be in place after proposed that pupils should reach their chronological reading age by 11. I made clear that this could take tw

The failure of some to recognise that change takes time poses one of the greatest threats to maintaining in ternal morale and to sustain ing external support. Keeping core values and displaying a clear sense of purpose are vital. But unless we win the confidence of the ma jority of the electorate, we will not achieve our objectives. The real danger comes from "moving the goalposts." After 18 years of

less than revolutionary change will seem like With a realistic approach, an incoming Labour government could achieve significant economic and social change, in its first term, that would lay the foundation for

tion will be great. But if we

promise too much, anything

more ambitious targets. Yet, if "supportive" cynics raise the stakes retrospectively, democracy and progressive

forces are damaged.
Take the minimum wase. actual wage level as a test of political virility. They ignore the potential of an historic goal which can be built on.

We have pledged to cut class sizes for infants to a naximum of 30. The cynics demand to know "why areu't one?". We have pledged £1 billion to the youth unemployment crisis — offering employment, learning, skilling and the opportunity to volunteer. The cynics ask: "What about those who don't want to take up these options?" We will end the anachronism of hereditary peers voting on the nation's future. The cynics demand "why not abolish the lot of them immediately?"

In the end, it is a matter of trust. After years of opposi-tion, this may seem hard. Yet we have never had a better opportunity to deliver more han we promise.

We must work now to win one parliament — and then work to a second or third. In the Road to the Manifesto w must offer vision and prioritise our policies. We must offer a sense of security so that rapid change and new opportunities benefit the nany, not simply the few.

It is time to stop deluding ourselves that success will come without opposition. The New Right waited many decades for their opportunity. We can afford a little natience in achieving for those who rely on Labour's victories deny them forever.

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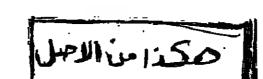
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The Quebecois still remember the day Alfred Hitchcock came to their town. ROBERT LEPAGE has even made a film about it. Here he explains why

hen Alfred Hitchcock came to Quebec in 1952 to shoot 1 Confess, it was major event. At the time, Quebec was just a small provincial town where nothing ever happened (some would say it still is). The inhabitants were delighted that a real film crew with real film stars was coming to their home town. They came here with 1953 models of cars, dressed in the latest fashions, while the local population was still wearing styles from just after the war the extras). And what made it all the more of an event was the subject matter of the film: a steamy affair that mixed religion, murder and sex

A kind of mythology grew up around the film. its director, actors and the places it was shot. I'd always been told that I was christened in the church that appears only when I started researching The Con-fessional that I found out it wasn't true. The church of Sainte Marie in I Confess is really the church of St Zé-

phyrin, but people had mixed it up with the church of St Coeur-de-Marie where I was christened. That was when I realised the importance of the Hitchcock myth to the older people in town. He lived right over there"; "He passed by there"; "I saw

"; "I knew him well": if all the stories were true, everyone was in that film. Indeed, one of the little girls who witnesses the murder in Hitchcock's film later became an actress. She plays herself Hitchcock did well to

choose Quebec; not because of the effect his presence had on the town or even because of the undeniably photogenic nature of the place. At that time, the whole town was suffocating under the dead and Duplessis's Union Nation- | because the secret of the ale. To make credible the

story of a priest torn between the carnal and the spiritual. falsely accused of murder and reduced to silence by the secret vows of the confessional, the action had to take place in a Catholic context. There is no other large North American town where that would have been the case.

The film is also extremely suggestive: it has an astonishing erotic tension for the time. It was very daring to show a priest spending the night with a woman in the gazebo on the Ile d'Orléans. And when Mont-gomery Clift kissed Anne Baxer, cinema audiences froze with horror and excitement. The confrontation between the sacred and prolane wasn't iust a minor detail: Hitchcock had a real battle with the religious authorities to get them

The film was the victim of cen-

sorship when it was shown at

its premiere at the Théâtre Ca

pitole - 10 minutes were cut

This incident that gave me the idea for a scene in The Confes-

sional, when Hitchcock and

the character Paul-Emile La-

A people's culture is always

intimately wrapped up with their religion. I Confess clari-

fied the nature of 1950s Queb

cois society for me. The Con-

fessional is also based on the

secret of the confession box

and the aggravated sexual ten

sion that only exists in Catho-

Hitchcock inspired me and

gave me the key to my story.

What's more, for me it's no

mere chance that the French

title of I Confess is La Loi Du

montagne meet.

on the director's insistence.

much more free in its form. The same contrast open ates on the level of moral values: very strict in 1959 and totally shattered in 1989.

demands silence and it is

often through the voice,

emerges. It is said that Hitch-cock set up his shots not by

played, but by listening to the

worked. He contributed to his

own myth by often absenting himself from the set. To speak

to him you would have to go through an intermediary, like

one communicates with God

through a priest.

If I compare the two worlds

of my film, the fifties and the

contemporary period, I would

say that the first has a Hitch-

scenes are directly inspired

by his) while the second is

cockian feel to it (certain

voice alone could tell him

whether the performance

Hitchcock's work was also the inspiration for the character of the director's assistant played by Kristin Scott Thomas, who succeeds Grace Kelly and Tippi Hedren as an impecca to allow him to film in Quebec. | As for Hitchcock himself, at the same time the most real

> film's characters, the fact that It is him who gives the final admission of guilt, the key to the enigma, makes him the ultimate confessor and gives me some sort of absolution. In fact, it's the eye of the artist (Pierre Lamontagne is a painter) --- or, more accurately, the ear of the artist — which takes a family secret. treats it as a work of the imagination and uses it as the inspiration for a work of art. The phrase Hitchcock that used to describe his ocurve at that time gave me the inspiratrying to achieve: not psychological suspense, but Greek

and the most fictional of the

The Confessional is released Derek Malcom in Thursday's confession box is a dogma that | Screen pages.

tragedy.



The Confessional (above) was inspired by Hitchcock's I Confess (above left), shot in Quebec in 1952. 'If all the stories are true,' says Lepage, 'everyone in the town was in that film'

THEATRE

Dames At Sea Ambassadors, London

AMES At Sea, staged at the Ambassadors as part of the BOC Covent Garden Festival. is the quintessence of theatrical camp: a nudging, knowing spoof of those thirties Hollywood musicals that in variably starred Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell. A New York cult hit of the late sixties, it revels in its own absurdity but it lacks the key quality that distin-guished the originals: a bur nished innocence.

The story is easily imagined: an eager young boofer from Utah arrives on Broadway with no more than a pair of tap shoes in her suitcase and winds up a star. What motors the rodic accuracy of Jim Haimsohn and Robin

Miller's lyrics. The torch song, the beguine, the deckhands' dance with mops. the umbrella-twirling number, all of them remind you of their prototypes and add a sardonic twist of their own: there is a nice innuendo when the heroine. smitten by a song-writing tar, enquires during the inevitable rain-dance, "Where are the rubbers to

thwart the storm?" John Gardyne's production keeps its tongue firmly in its cheek, and the cast of six put it across with great style: in particular Joanne Farrell as the wide-eyed heroine, Kim Criswell as the man-eater she displaces and Sara Crowe as the sidekick who cracks wise in the best Joan Blondell tradition. It is lively, brief and will be lapped up by showbiz aficionados; but I still prefer the authentic naivety of the Hollywood originals it affectionately mocks. ☐ To June 8

Michael Billington

THEATRE

The Sentence / Beast On The Moon The Old Red Lion, London/ Battersea Arts Centre, London

HE Armenians are the forgotten people of the 20th century. The genocide of almost two mil-lion people by the Turks in 1915 has become a mere footnote to history — there were no TV cameras then. But the legacy of 1915 lives on in the memories of the survivors and their descendants. The pain does not go away or even diminish. The need to remember remains urgent, perhaps even more so, as time goes by. In The Sentence, set in

August 1993, teenager Rosie knows very little of her Armenian background. It takes the release from prison of the grandfather she had always believed to be dead for her to find out about and understand her family and its past.

In the play's final mo-ments, Rosie puts on the scratchy record of Armenian music that she had oreviously decried. in one small gesture reconciling herself with both her family and her 3,000-year-old history. It's a potent moment, but an all too rare one in an uneven kitchen-sink drama that concentrates too much on domestic squabbles and whose authors seem to think that the odd reference

to Bosnia is sufficient to jus tify the tacit sanctioning of tit-for-tat retaliation. Rather more sophisticated and infinitely better written and acted is Richard Kalinoski's eloquent Beast On The Moon, one of those treasured plays that is like a pebble dropped in a mill pond. It seems bigger than itself, not least because, in its intimate portrait of the uneasy marriage between Aram and Seta. survivors of the 1915 ma acres, it makes crystal the experience of an entire tribe as they painfully learn the lesson summed up by

defence against death'' Unable to bear the child that Aram so longs for to fill the blanked-out faces of the slaughtered on his family photograph, Seta is forced to make a journey from girlhood to womanhood, from existing in the past to living in the pres-ent, so proving to her reluctant husband that they do have a stake in the future. even without children of their own. The narrator who bears witness to their story is evidence of that.

that survivor of another

the aims of life are the best

The writing is not always completely focused, but in the scenes between Aram and Seta it is deadly accurate, like a sharp knife in the beart.

The Sentence is at the Old Red Lion (0171-837 7616) until June 8. Beast On The Moon is at BAC (0171-223 2223) until June 2

Lyn Gardner

MUSIC

Olaf Bik

Wigmore Hall, London

NUMBER of people arriving at the Wig-more Hall on Thursday to hear Dawn Upshaw and Olaf Bar sing Schumann and Barber were disappointed. A placard outside announced that Upshaw had withdrawn be cause of illness. Bär would sing Schubert's Winter-

reise instead In the foyer there was a certain amount of alarm People were demanding refunds at the box-office or stomping out into the street in annoyance. Their disappointment was understandable. Upshaw sings in frequently in London, Not everyone has the time or money to go to Glyndebourne to hear her perform

in Theodora. What I found less comprehensible, however, was that people were not prepared to stay and hear the greatest of all Lieder cycles sung by one of its finest interpreters. Bär sang Winterreise to a hall that was barely two thirds full — and proved that he can still sing it as

well, if not better, than anyone else. His interpretation has ac-

tually deepened with time. His voice has darkened slightly of late, and he occasionally allows a rasp to intrude upon the basic velvety sound. This now lets him expand the emotional range of the songs to include blistering rage as well as distlusionment and despair. He conveys the fluctua-

ions of the text without nudging the melodic line. using self-conscious vocal gestures sparingly, but to telling effect — the audible intake of breath at the end of Wasserflut, for instance when the singer realises he is near the house of the woman who rejected him.

He's a wonderful vocal actor, but what is most important in Bär's recitals is that the acting remains in his voice. He doesn't grimace, or fling himself around the concert platform, but stands in concentrated stillness, occasionally folding and unfolding his hands.

Those who stayed, heard, in fact, a profoundly moving performance. When it was over, there was a long silence before the audience erupted with cheers.

Death by a thousand old jokes

Television

Adam Sweeting

'RIDAY night is run-thegauntlet night for come-dians. Can anyone outwit The Fast Show? Who can fill Father Ted's cassock? Probably not Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy, with their new series Jack And Jeremy's Real Lives (C4). The first of their new six-parter offered a few infantile belly-laughs and some silly voices, but is this from our top-earning comics? This opening episode was

called Aristocrats, and featured Jack and Jeremy as Jack and Jeremy, two aristocratic brothers. Jeremy was weak. sickly, walked only with difficulty and felt "overburdened by privilege". Jack was noisy. brash, oafish, arrogant and drunk, guzzling champagne from a giant pewter tankard, and purporting to work as a photographer in order to pro-

cure girls. All very well taking the plss out of the inbred, unworldly world of the hereditary peerage, but this far down the postcolonial line we desperately need some fresh insights and some new jokes — even one new joke. However, this looked like an end-of-term revue.

hastily scribbled on the back of a May Ball dance card. For source material, nobody had bothered to look beyond Wode house, Brideshead Revisited (or at least the first couple of episodes of the TV version) and Waddington's Cluedo Confronted by a murder in the Cafe Royal, Jeremy cried: "Let me through, I'm an aristocrat. No one leaves this room until I've unveiled the murderer." There were ham fisted references to the accepted wisdom that aristocrats have historically treated ordinary people with disdain, that they have disgusting sexual proclivities and are congenitally stupid. Yes. and then . .? But that

Also getting away with murder was Dawn French in Murder Most Horrid (BBC2). This one featured Dawn as Linda Bryce, schoolteacher-wife of Jerry Bryce (Hugh Laurie), the Leader of the Opposition. Builders are remodelling Jerry and Linda's kitchen. A vile stench arises, seemingly emanating from beneath the floor.



End of term revue . . . Jack And Jeremy's Real Lives

mentary bullshitting, Jerry prises up the floorboards and inds three corpses

underneath. Knowing where the bodies are buried is widely considered to be a decisive advantage in political life, but Lipda quickly grasped that it was vital that they should be buried somewhere else before the tab-

loids went to town on Jerry's election prospects. Anyway, it all pivoted on the idea that you get rid of one load of corpses

only to find that Sod's Law has ensured that three new stiffs appear to replace the old ones. Without Laurie's skilful portrayal of a vain, brittle man earnestly shoring up a facade of probity, and French's characteristically brusque and

heard the music already else-

where. "We're not in the busi-

ness of educating people about new music," Owens says. "If I

may use an overworked meta-

phor, when you walk into a

Edgar Lustgarten's laudatory Scotland Yard programmes, in which cases are solved by the God-like intervention of scien

music for which you need

bossy woman-on-top, there

here. Like Dee and Hardy.

writer Anthony Horowitz

vicar did it, in case you're

than the allegedly true-life

murder varn in Expert Wit-

Box, host Michael Gambon strolled lugubriously in front

of the camera and intoned an

admonitory narrative about how the police methodically

pursued their investigations

until only one conclusion was possible. The victim had even been dispatched with our old

friend, the blunt instrument.

ramme on TV containing no

other hand, at a time when fo-

rensic evidence is habitually

called into question, who on

earth convinced Network Cen

tre that now is the time to cre-

ate a chuckle-free facsimile of

We should be grateful that

irony whatsoever. On the

ness (ITV). In The Body in The

was precious little happening

merely recycled stock charac

ters and plot clichés from el-derly and familiar genres. The

wondering. Then again, Murder Most Horrid seemed more realistic

Atlantic 252 is probably the radio of the future. It gives its

which, along with its rival Festival Radio. will put in bids next month for a London FM franchise. Both Festival Radio and Xfm are the antithesis of Atlantic 252, but they are further examples of niche radio: both want to run a station play ing alternative and Indie music, including unsigned ness of Gemma Craven as bands, live sessions and exclusive mixes. Once again, London lags behind the rest of the world: Sweden, Australia, Israel, Hungary — even the Czech Republic --- have legal alternative music stations. New York has three. London has zilch. Last year the Radio Authority (charged with en-

SEE they are billing Ca-lamity Jane, now touring to Sadler's Wells, as "the original Wild West musical". That would have come as news to Irving Berlin whose Annie Get Your Gun also boasts a sharp-shoot-ing, tough-talking western heroine who eventually conforms to stock male notions of femininity. But, even if Calamity Jane is politically incorrect old hat, it just about gets by because of the bounce of Sammy Fain's score and the liveli-

THEATRE

Calamity Jane

Sadier's Wells, London

the gun-toting lead. The story itself is pretty silly stuff. Calamity, deputed to bring a Chicago burlesque topliner back to dull old Deadwood, winds up importing the star's maid who is an aspiring chanteuse: it doesn't say much for the eyesight of a beroine supposedly quick on the draw. And, although Calamity nurses a hopeless passion for an army lieutenant, once he has paired off with the imported showgirl she herself falls straight

into the arms of Wild Bill Hickok to the tune of 'Secret Love". I've heard of love on the rebound, but this is ridiculous.

Fain's score, however, is punchy, and Paul Kerryson's production, with its prop borses gailoping awabehind a gauze, perfectly amiable: the hit number, surprisingly, turns out to be "A Woman's Touch" in which Katie, the saloon-bar import, transforms Calamity's dowdy shack into a place of chintzy charm. Gemma Craven, however, carries the show and radiates a buckskinned energy

and good-hearted innocence that communicated itself even to my distant seat in the circle. Grace Kinirons is also beguiling as her amatory rival who represents traditional femininity. But the show's sexual politics don't bear thinking about. and I was genuinely puzzled by a sign on Paul Farnsworth's set proclaiming "City Marshall". Is this a genuine mistake or a setirical comment on the fact they were spelling-duffers. as well as male-chauvinists, in darkest Deadwood? At Sadler's Wells, London EC1 (0171-713-6000) until June 15.

Michael Billington



How Atlantic waives the rules

Radio

Anne Karpf

HERE'S something agreeably swashbuckling about the idea of a radio station broadcasting to the UK from the Republic of Ireland, and attracting a greater share of the nation's listening than the home-grown big boys like Virgin or Classic FM. But Atlantic 252 is no pirate, no David among the radio Goliaths: on the contrary, it's the epito**me of the modern, corpo** rate media product - niche

radio incarnate. Atlantic 252 styles itself "hot adult contemporary": like so many radio stations, it is chasing the 15- to 34-year-olds, and its breakfast DJs' inane patter is Indistinguishable from most others. But as the day procoods so Atlantic 252's distinc

tive brand unfolds. This is a highly targeted Top 40 station which plays only familiar hits. and plays them more often than its rivals. Therein lies its success. But the most interesting as-

pect of the Atlantic 252 phe-

nomenon is the fact that it's entirely research-led. It works like this. Each week, market researchers phone up around 100 young people and play them "hooks" of songs — eight to 10 seconds of a tune. It has to be something they already know, or, in the words of programme director Henry Owens, "they generally say they don't like it". On the basis of a couple of bars, they score the tunes from one to five, and on the basis of their replies the station draws up its playlist. Atlantic 252 was the first station to use "call-out" research" so extensively, but

now all the major stations have followed The audience will have

McDonald's, you know exactly what a McDonald will taste like, and that's the same with us "So, although Atlantic 252 might play Oasis and Pulp. they'll generally only play them a couple of weeks after their release, and then only or the basis of their research. But after that there's no stop ping them: they're currently playing the new George Michael 70 times a week. as against around 30 plays a

week on Radio 1, and 40-50

on Capital. This policy of playing the not-quite new, ad nauseam. has been remarkably successful. Atlantic 252 has 3.8 million listeners, even though it can only be heard properly by 66 per cent of the UK: for those south of the line from Wevmouth to the Wash, the signal is decidedly wobbly. On the other hand, the station loves its Long Wave frequency, because it means listeners can drive from Land's End to John O'Greats without having to retune. And, as Owens frankly admits, this is not the kind of

audience only what it wants. But the latest RAJAR figures show a greater-than-usual seasonal decline. After seven rears, has Atlantic's bubble pegun to burst? Paradoxically Atlantic's co-owner, CLT, is also behind Xfm

couraging diversity) absurdly awarded two precious London FM licences to Virgin (which already had a national AM licence), and Heart (largely a variant of Capital Radio). This



John Berger (left) first wrote about Leon Kossoff, (right) almost 40 years ago. Since then Kossoff has become one of the most reclusive and distinctive of British artists. Here, critic and artist correspond about Kossoff's work, as the painter prepares for a major retrospective at the Tate



still remember learly the first in your studio, or the room you were then using as a studio. It was some 40 years ago. I remember the debris and the omnipresent hope. The hope was strange because it's nature was that of a bone,

buried in the earth by a dog. Now the bone is unburied and the hope has become an impressive achievement. Except that the last word is wrong, don't you think? To hell with achievement and it's recognition which always comes too late. But a hope of redemption has been realised You have saved much of what

you love.
All this is best not said in words. It's like trying to describe the flavour of garlic or the smell of mussels. What I want to ask you about is the

The first thing painters ask about a studio-space usually concerns the light. And so one might think of a studio as a kind of conservatory or obser-vatory or even lighthouse.
And of course light is impor-tant. But it seems to me that a studio, when being used, is much niore like a stomach. A place of digestion, transfornation and excretion. Where images change form. Where everything is both regular and unpredictable. Where there's no apparent order and from where a well-being comes. full stomach is, unhappily one of the oldest dreams in the world No?

Perhaps I say this to provoke you, because I'd like to know what images a studio (where images are made) suggests to you — you who have spent years alone in a studio. When we enter one, we go blind in order to see. Tell me

With affection and a respec bordering on veneration

Thank you for your letter. Almost 40 years ago you wrote a very generous piece on my work, The Weight. It was the first and, for many years, the only constructive and positive only constructive and positive response to the work, and I never thanked you. But I have never forgotten it, and, in the strange time I am living through, now, of having to gather my work (and my life I suppose) together for a first retrospective. I am frequently reminded of it.

All the things you say about the studio are true and the place I work in is much the room in a house — a much arger house. There is mess and paint everywhere on the walls — on the floor.

Brushes are drying by the radiator, unfinished paintings are on the walls with drawings of current subjects. There in a corner and a few repro-ductions on the wall that I've had most of my painting life. I don't worry much about the light, sometimes it can be awkward as the room faces due south, then I turn the painting round or start a new version. I seem engaged in an endless cycle of activities. For the best part of 40 years I have been left alone but recently, owing to extra exposure and studio visits the place has become like a

deserted ship.
Do you remember when we first saw the revealing and moving photographs of Bran-cusi's and Giacometti's studios in the 1950s? It was a special time. Now every book on every artist includes a photograph of the studio. It has become a familiar stageset for the artist's work. Has the activity become more important than the resulting image, or does the image need the confirmation of the studio and the myth of the artist because it's not strong enough

to be on its own? I don't know what the work will look like when it finally appears on the walls of the Tate. The main thing that has kept the going all these years is myjobsession that I need to teach myself to draw. I have never felt that I can draw and as time has passed this feeling has not changed. So my work has been an experiment in self-education.

Now, after all this drawing, if I stand before a vast Vero-nese I experience the painting as an exciting exploratory drawing in paint. Or, looking at Velasquez's Pope Innocent A se present in the National Gallery, I wonder, after mov-ing to the nearby early Christ after Flagellation, at the transformation of his capacity to draw with paint. Recently I saw a book of Fayum portraits Eygptian mummy paint-land, thinking about r closeness to Cézanne and best Picasso, I am inded of the importance of wing to all art since the nning of time. I know this l familiar to you — even

plistic — but it's where I

n and end. he exhibition will com-



A marathon swim through thick and thin

mence with the thick painting | and the doubt from which that you wrote about. Will the later, relatively lighter and emerged out of my need to relate to the outside world by teaching myself to draw? Yours, Leon

DEAR LEON, I don't, of course, find your

thought about drawing "slm-plistic". I too have been looking at that extraordinary book of Fayum portraits. And what first strikes me, as it must strike everybody, is their ss. They are there in front of us, here and now, And that's why they were painted — to remain here, after their

This quality depends on the drawing and the complicity, the inter-penetrations, between the head and the space immediately around it. (Perhaps this is partly why we also to do with something else which perhaps approaches the secret of this so mysterious process which we call drawing — isn't it also to do with the collaboration of the sitter? Sometimes the sitter was alive, sometimes dead,

but one always senses a partic-lpation, a will to be seen, or, maybe, a waiting to be seen It seems to me that even in the work of a great master, the difference between his astounding works and the rest, always comes down to this question of a collaboration with the painted, or its

absence. The romantic notion of the artist as creator eclipsed artist as a star still eclipses — the role of receptivity, of openness in the artist. This is the pre-condition for any such collaboration.

So-called "good" draughtsmanship always supplies an answer. It may be a brilliant answer (Picasso sometimes), or it may be a dull one (any number of academics). Real drawing is a constant question, is a clumsiness, which is a form of hospitality towards what is being drawn. And, such hospitality once

offered, the collaborations can sometimes begin. When you say: "I need to teach myself to draw," I think I can recognise the obstinacy

comes. But the only reply I can give is: I hope you never learn to draw! (There would be no more collaboration. There would only be an answer.)

Your brother Chaim (in the larger 1993 portrait) is there like one of the ancient Egyp-tians. His spirit is different, he nas lived a different life, he is awaiting something different No! that's wrong, he's awaiting the same thing but in a different way.) But he is equally there. When some-body or something is there, the painting method seems to be a detail. It is like the selfeffacement of a good host.

Pilar (1994) is there to a degree that makes us forget every detail. Through her body, her life was waiting to be seen, and it collaborated with you, and your drawing in

You don't draw in paint in the same way as Velasquez — not only because times have changed, but also because ness is not the same either (he with his open scepticism, you with your fervent need for loseness), but the riddle of collaboration is still similar. Maybe when I say your

paint allowed that life to

openness", I'm simplifying and being too personal. Yes, it comes from you, but it passes into other things. In your painting of Pilar, the surface upon another like the household gestures of a mother dur-ing a life-time, the space of the room — all these are open to Pilar and her body waiting to-be-seen. Or is it, rather, waiting-to-be-recognised? In your landscapes the receptivity of the air to what it

surrounds is even more evident. The sky opens to what is under it and in *Christchurch Spitalfields*, *Morning* 1990, it bends down to surround it. In Christchurch Stormy Day, Summer 1994, the church is equally open to the sky. The fact that you go on painting the same motif allows these collaborations to become closer and closer. Perhaps in painting this is what intimacy means? And you push it very far, in your own unmistakable way. For

the sky to "receive" a steeple or a column is not simple, but

Your brother Chaim (above) is there like an ancient Egyptian. The painting method seems to be a detail. It is like the self-effacement of a good host'

it's something clear. (It's what, during centuries, steepies and columns were made for.) But you succeed in making an early summer sub-urban landscape "receive", be open to, a diesel engine! And there I don't know how you do it! I can only see that you've done it. The afternoon heat has something to do with it? But how does that heat become drawing? How does such heat draw in paint? It does, but I don't know how. What I'm saying sounds comolex. In fact all I'm saying is already there in your marvellous and very simple title: Here

Comes the Diesel.
You say that on the walls of your painting rooms there are some reproductions which have been pinned there for years. I wonder what? Last night I dreamt I saw at least one. But this morning 've forgotten it.

I suppose that soon you'll be hanging the paintings at the Tate. I've never done it but I guess it's a very hard moment. It's difficult to hang paintings ingness, it is impossible to pre-meditate. It is to do with the

well because their therenesses compete. But apart from this difficulty, what I guess is hard is being forced to see them as exhibits. For Beuys it was OK because his collaboration was with the spectator. But for iconic works like yours it may seem, I imagine, like a dislocation, and therefore a violence. Yet don't worry — they will hold their own. They are coming from their own place, like the train between Kilburn and

DEAR JOHN, No one has written about the work of drawing and painting with such directness and selfless insight as you have in your last letter to me. That it's 'my" work you are writing about is less important than the fact that, through your words, you acknowledge the separateness and independence of the images. "Thereness" follows noth-

The paint is mixed before starting — there is always more than one board around to start another version. The process goes on a long time, sometimes a year or two. Though other things are hap-pening in my life which affect me, the image that I might leave appears moments after scraping, as a response to a slight change of movement or light. Similarly with the land-scape paintings. The subject is visited many times and lots of drawings are made, mostly very quickly. The work is begun in the studio where each new drawing means a

Willesden Green. With offection and respect

I'm not too worried about the hanging of the paintings. The Tate are very good at this. The experience will be very strange. I haven't seen many of the pictures for a very long time and as the event draws closer I become more aware that the work will represent an experiment in living which has been exciting, interesting and extending so I'm not so concerned about success or failure as I am about holding myself together to keep the experiment going. This is

ing appears which opens up the subject in a new way, so I

I am engaged in that is

Pilar came to sit for me

some years ago. She comes

what I thought I was seeing.

The reproductions I have you say, but also to do with the disappearance of the sitter the had on my wall since my student days are the moment the image emerges. Is this what you mean by "the self-effacement of the good Rembrandt *Bathsheba*, a late Michelangelo drawing, the Philadelphia Cézanne, Achille Empaire by Cézanne, and a photograph of some early host"? The Fayum portraits of course emerge out of an attitude to life and death quite works by Frank Auerbac About 20 years ago I added a bead by Velasquez (Aesop) different from our own. In the pyramids there was life after death and the life was in the "thereness" of the portraits. I and a portrait by Delacroix. I don't look at them much but there is something of this quality in the painting of Pilar they are there. Yours Leon The portrait by Delacroix is of Apasie. I almost forgot the Judgement of Solomon by tesses I am involved with than trying to paint a certain

two mornings a week. For the Yes, the disapfirst two or three years I drew from her. Then I started to sitter at a certain paint her. Painting consists of moment. And working over the whole board quickly, trying to relate what was happening on the board to you're right, I left that out. The image takes over. And in your case the image comes through all the vicissitudes of paint, board, plastering on, drawing, and scraping off. vicissitudes which produce something so movingly close to the wear and tear of life. So the image unpremeditatedly, as you say takes over. And the slow process of discovering what is there without disturbing it, begins. Sometimes of destroy ing what's there without dis-turbing it. (Eavesdroppers may consider us mad, but it's true). Then after all that, or during all that, isn't there something else happening? The sitter — who may be a train, a church, a swimming pool — comes back through new start until one day a draw the canvas! It's as if she disappears, vanishes, merges with everything else — takes a long work from the drawing as I do journey on a kind of Inner Cirfrom the sitter. It's the process cle (which may last months or a year) and then re-emerges in the stuff with which all this time you've been struggling. Or am I again being too

simple? The "sitter" is at first here and now. Then she disappears and (sometimes) comes back there, inseparable from every mark on the painting. After she has "disappeared" a drawing or two are the only clues about where she may have gone. And of course sometimes they're not enough, and she never comes

things together" to "keep the experiment going." And it's (most of the time) rather difficult.

I guess the Bathsheba is the one where she's holding a letter? And on her forearm she's wearing a bracelet which, in a way I can't understand but probably you can, is the keystone of the whole painting? And that marvellous rear leg in shadow, and everything tentative except her body. My friend the Spanish

painter. Barcélo has made s vhole book of reliefs with a test in Braille to be felt with the fingers by those who are blind. And this makes me ee that if a blind person felt see that if a bind person left Bathsheba's body and then felt Pilar's or Cathy's, they would have the sensation of touching similar flesh. And this simiarity is not to do with a similar way of painting but with a comparable respect for flesh, paint and their vicissitudes, their endless vicissitudes. The Assop of Velasquez I too have lived with for years. A strange coincidence, Leon, no? And again, at a level which has nothing to do with method, I see something in common between Asson and your brother *Chaim* (1993). Something said by their presence. "He observes, watches, recognises, listens to what surrounds him and is exterior

o him, and at the same time he ponders within, cease ssly arranging what he has perceived, trying to find a sense which goes beyond the ive senses with which he was born. The sense found in what he sees, however precarious and ambiguous it may be, in his only real possession."

Last week I was looking at

Assop in Madrid, in the same
room as the head of a deer, in the same life as Willesden and a children's swimming pool.

Tell me how you are. I salute you! (Incorrigible Latin that I am in my exuber ance, blackness notwithstanding.)

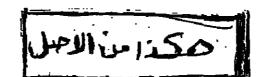
PS: What sort of music do you

Thank you for your letter. I am still thinking about "there ness" and the Velasques portrait of Assop. Referring to a book on the artist I noticed that the author writes "the picture is by no means a portrait but rather an amaigam of literary and visual sources successfully disguised under a veneer of realism". Art historians can get away with any-Pacheco, the painter and father-in-law of Velasquez who wrote — "I keep to nature for everything and in the case of my son-in-law who follows this course one can see how he differs from all the rest because be always works from life," and later "those who have excelled as draughtsmen will excel in this field" (portraits). Reading Pacheco, one real-

ises that Velasquez must have been drawing continuously and it becomes posible to begin to understand how the image of Aesop might have emerged in a few moments at the end of a long day's painting, as the artist turned away from the work he was engaged upon, to encounter this ex-traordinary person who had entered the studio, Velasquez was the ultimate example of the artist working at speed like Degas and Manet after him. Drawing from life in paint becomes "therene And there's something else — the effort of your friend Barcelo on behalf of the blind reminds me that recently I heard a blind man talking on the radio about his experience of light. He said: "Reassuring. encouraging, people makes a kind of light." (I know this is not what you are saying but doesn't "touch" produce a kind of light also?) This blind man knew somehow that light would occur through the deep-ening of his relationship with the outside world. And so it is with painting. It is impossible to set out to paint light. Light in a painting makes its own appearance. It occurs as a result of a resolution of the relationships within the work. The painter might be driven by anxiety but the light in final work (I'm thinking of Cézanne) is as much a surprise to him as it is a delight to us. In a sense, before the work is resolved, the painter is, in a certain way, blind.
It is possible we become more "Latin" as we grow older. In my case I wish it was the other way round. Perhaps not. These days I feel I should

have born nearer the Mediterranean in the first Yours, Leon

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Legend of the counterculture

has died of cancer American psychologist and philosopher best-known for advising his Harvard University students to "turn on, tune in, and drop out" during the 1960s. Thanks to his enthusiasm for countercultural causes. Leary found himself, throughout his life, embroiled in controversy and legal jeopardy. With more than 30 books

and at least as many manuscripts still unpublished. Leary, one of the founders of "existential transactional psychotherapy" was probably this century's most dogmatic advocate and accomplished researcher in the use of chemicals and technology to stimu-late what he saw as personal-

ity reprogramming.
Leary was born in Spring-field Massachusetts to an Irish Catholic family. His father was a dentist and former army captain and his mother a teacher. After two years at Holy Cross College, Leary en-rolled in West Point Military Academy in 1940, where an episode of drunkenness and his subsequent refusal to lie about the circumstances resulted in his being officially silenced". With communication with other cadets forbidden, Leary became something of an academic parlah and legend, and was soon sought after by soldiers in search of counsel. This experience as outcast and confidente prepared him for his later reign as self-proclaimed LSD "high priest" on college campuses,

and psychedelic guru. After resigning from West Point, Leary served two years as a psychologist in the second world war before finishing his degree in psychology at University of Alabama in 1943. He took his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, where he married

IMOTHY Leary, who | his first wife, Marianne, and fathered his two children. Jack and Susan. He then be came research director of the psychiatric clinic at Oakland's Kaiser Hospital. He was an expert on personality tests. many of which he wrote.

Leary's real passion was not for personality assessment. but personality transforma-tion. Troubled by his clinic's rather low success rate. Leary analysed the improvement rates of patients treated at the clinic with those spending the

same amount of time on the waiting list. There was no staistical difference. He published the results in the Journal of Consulting Psychology. and in The Interpersonal Diagnostic of Personality. His inter-

we accept as reality is just social fabrication." He Thanks to his enthusiasm for countercultural causes, Leary found

est now was in discovering just what conditions allowed for successful transformation In 1958, shortly after the tragic suicide of his wife Marianne, Leary was invited to lec-ture at Harvard. Part of the aim was to invigorate its Center for Personality Research. The university got more than it bargained for. By 1959, as

McCelland, Leary endeav-

returned to Harvard to set up nore formal research. Faced with the magnitude of the task, Leary sought the advice of thinkers such as Aldous Huxley, who had written The Doors of Perception about the experience of hallucinogenic drugs, who told him that the only choice was to "be-come a cheer leader for evolution. All we can do is spread the word". Thus did Leary ad-minister psychedelic drugs to prison inmates, whose rate of return to the prison, he as-serted, decreased from 70 per existential psychologist David social settings and behaviours inherent to all therapy af-

legal jeopardy

cent to 10 per cent after psyitself. His lectures on the subchedelic sessions. "Everyject made him a cult figure thing I have learned in the subsequent 20 years of drug research," Leary wrote in amone his students.

But it wasn't until the summer of 1960 that Leary found a tool capable of inducing the therapeutic setting for which he was searching. At the enthusiastic suggestion of a Berkeley colleague Frank Barron, Leary, in Mexico with his children and several Harvard friends, had his first ex-perience with hallucinogen-

In his 1983 autobiography Flashbacks he wrote that be had abruptly discovered "that we have been programmed all these years, that everything

lightening for him as did their exposure to psychedelics.
After taking psychedelic drugs with a group of musicians and artists at the musicians and artists at the musicians. cian Maynard Ferguson's house in 1962. Leary shed the last of his academic shell, de-ciding that "the real secret of the universe" was sex. himself, throughout his life, embroiled in Word of Dr Leary's magic controversy and

potion spread, and everyone wanted to try. In spite of the fact that he forbid illegal drugs like marijuana to be used in his home, and that he required all trippers to take formal personality tests, the sessions began to look less and less like psychological research, and more like parties. This, cou-pled with the introduction of LSD into the mix, was more than the Harvard faculty could stomach, Although Leary took his research off campus as far as Mexico, be was fired in 1963, but not before he had publicised LSD as the religious sacrament of the 20th century, and accepted the mantle as the drug's "high

Flashbacks, "hes strength-

eries of the century." With large batches of psilocybin

mative potential of his new

discovery, and generated

Leary set up shop at a man-sion at Milibrook, in upstate



New York with his other psyelic expatriates, in an **East Coast counterpart to Ken** Kesey's "merry pranksters". There in 1964 he met and married his second wife, Nanetus. Together they travelled to the Far East, where he met the lamas and gurus that had in-spired him, Richard Alpert and Ralph Metzner, to write The Psychedelic Experience, a tripping manual drawing on The Tibetan Book of the Dead. Unfortunately the magical quality of his relationship

were away from the Millbrook setting. They divorced. Soon afterwards, back at Millbrook, Leary met Rosemary Woodruff, who would become his third wife in 1967 and one of his most faithful

allies. Their courtship was in terrupted, and fuelled, by fre-quent raids — including one organised by the Watergate burglar G Gordon Liddy — on Millbrook and the eventual prosecution of Leary and his ellow communers.

Despite a counter-campaign in the media planned, in part, Tuning in with the Yippies, 1968...Timothy Leary. at the height of his notoriety, holds court with Abbie Hoffman (left) beneath a montage poster of Lyndon Johnson

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the black radical Eldridge Cleaver in Algeria, but after a political quarrel, Leary and Rosemary moved to Switzerland.

In late 1973 he was recap tured in Kabul and extradicted via agents from the US Drugs Enforcement Agency. He served another four years at Folsom Prison while writing several books including Exo-Psychology Neurologic,

and Starseed. In his later years, Leary had trouble being taken seriously. He was most successful lecturing students, couching his rhetoric in humour. He even went on a 1982 debating tour with his former adversary G

Gordon Liddy. Leary moved to Beverly Hills where he befriended many Hollywood stars, and maintained a 12-year marriage with his last wife, Barbara, adopting her son Zachary with whom he remained very close even after their separation. His only regrets, he once observed were the estrangement of his

son and the suicides of his first wife and of his daughter, who hanged herself in prison after being accused of shooting her By the 1980s, Leary had turned his attention to the cy-

bernetic revolution. He became one of the first promoters of computers, virtual reality and the Internet. As he developed prostate cancer and emphysema, Leary became interested in "soul preservation," and explored cryonics. or "freezing" as an alternative to permanent death, as outlined in his last book, The Ultimate Trip. Thus did Leary hope to "re-animate", once the appropriate technology be comes available

Dougles Rushkoff

Imothy Francis Leary, visionary, born October 22, 1920; died May 31, 1996

Tamara Toumanova

Black pearl of Russian ballet

AMARA Toumanova who has died aged 77, was one of the most gifted and certainly most glamorous of the "baby ballerinas" who inspired chohuge public for ballet through

The Bailet Russe companies with which they appeared kept alive the popularity, and the importance, of the art form ween the deaths of Diaghiley and Paylova and the emergence of national companies in this country and in

America.
Toumanova, a Slav beauty with lustrous black hair and big dark eyes, epitomised the image of the Russian ballerina and her early history typified the story of emigré dancers of that time. Born in a train as her parents escaped across Si beria, she eventually reached Shanghai where she saw Pavlova, determined to be a dancer and even wrote to God. asking him to make her one

and quickly too. Her mother, like Margot Fonteyn's mother, believed in the child and moved the fam ily to Paris. There she enrolled her daughter in the studio of the imperial Russian ballerina Olga Preobrajenska. Preo helped them; she recognised an exceptional talent and Tamara worked to help pay the rent and food bills. She was saved from precocity by her parents and her teacher: her mother, to whom she was devoted, was one of the most in-domitable "ballet mothers" of

At the age of 11 Tamara apeared as a guest artist at the Paris Opéra in L'Eventail de eanne, the joint work of Ravel, Ferroud, Ibert, Manuel, Roussel, Milhaud, Pouenc, Auric and Schmitt nearly a composer for each rear of her age.

oung dancers, saw her at Preo's and recruited her for the Ballets Russes de Moote Carlo when she was 13. He created for her the beautiful. mysterious Cotillon (1932) and the character ballet Concurnence, both of which celebrated her dazzling technique as well as her dramatic gifts.

When Balanchine left to

lets 1933 he took Toumanova with him and created for her. during that company's short life, the first version of Mozartiana, decorated by Christian Bérard, and Songe designed by Derain. During that company's London sea-son, Toumanova's status as a ballerina was recognised by an adoring public, not least Arnold Haskell who had known her since she was a

child and was to christen her

"the black pearl of the Rus-sian ballet". When Les Ballets 1933 disbanded, Lincoln Kirstein claimed Balanchine for Amer ica and, at Haskell's insis-tence, Colonel de Basil re-



Tamara Toumanova . . . from a 'baby ballerina' with the Ballets Russes to performing in a Hitchcock film

claimed Toumanova for his Ballets Russes. Here, as Haskell had foretold, she was to form the perfect complement to her contemporary and former classmate, Irina Baron-ova, her dark beauty and temperament ideally contrasted with Baronova's blonde charm and innate classicism Massine, whose first "sym-phonic" ballet, Les Présages had starred Baronova, featured Toumanova in his second. *Choreartium, Octobet* 1933. And he cast her as the Beloved in his Symphonie Fantastique of 1936. She also, together with Baronova. danced all the great classic roles, Swan Lake, Princess

Aurora and, above all, Giselle. in 1941 she worked with Balan chine again, creating the ballerina role in Balustrade. which he made for the Original Ballet Russe to Stravin-sky's Violin Concerto in designs by Pavel Tchelitchev. It enjoyed all of three performances despite its astonish

After the war she made guest appearances with many ompanies, including that of the Marquis de Cuevas, conquering a new generation of European ballet-goers. She was with Balanchine in Paris to create a leading role in *Le* Pulais de Cristal (Symphony in C) at the Paris Opéra and

there she also created the title role in Lifar's *Phèdre*, first staged at the Opéra in 1950. Libretto and design were by Toumanova as "a great dance and a great tragedienne". Throughout her career she had won tributes from writers

Tournanova was married to

creenwriter/producer Case Robinson. She also appeared in films, including Hitchcock's Torn Curtain, Billy Wilder's The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes and Gene Kelly's Invitation to the Dance One of her last London ap-pearances was as a guest with Festival Ballet at the Royal

and artists.

Festival Hall in 1954 when, at Anton Dolin's invitation, she took over the title role in an indifferent production of Es-

Her final gift to ballet was to present the gorgeous Russian costumes she had inherited from Preobrajenska to the mu seum of the Maryinsky Theatre in St Petersburg, the theatre which was the birthplace of Preo's and, hence, Toumanova's art.

Mary Clarks

Tamara Toumanova, dancer, born March 2, 1919; died May 29,

Weekend Birthdays

by Marshall McLuhan, who

inspired Leary come up with "turn on, tune in, drop out,"

the centre was eventually shu

down. Ironically, Leary was ultimately arrested for trans-porting \$10-worth of mari-

juana across the Mexican bor-

der. In 1970 he was sentenced to 10 years for possession.

. With assistance from Rose mary, and the radical group the Weather Underground.

Leary escaped from his low

security prison, the Califor-nia Men's Colony, within

YOU HAVE to say Gerald Scarfe, 60 today, has managed the career dead right from the start — he won a competition in the Eagle magazine, David Hockney was only the runnerup. He was young and outrageous when shock sold best (he was recruited from Prithe 1960s, and they offered him both an E-type Jag and a stint of reportage in Vietnam) he's consistently exorcised his hates — politicians mostly — by splotting and jabbing them down on paper or moulding them in papier-maché as worm-riddled, lewd, nasallychallenged monsters, so of course, he's in the most benign state of mental health and his accountant speaks to him affably; he can design a glant inflated pig for the Pink Floyd's Berlin Wall rock-athon, Orpheus for the English National Opera, a little fluffy blob for his wife Jane Asher's children's book Moppy is Happy, and very nearly cheerful ads for Oddbins — the splashes were only burgundy, not blood - yet never quite spends all his capital of moral credibility. (It

his Sunday Times work "We must get rid of this pinko art-

helped when Murdoch was ru-

moured to have muttered of

ist".) A better deal than Faust — Gerry got the money and the redhead and kept his soul.

Today's other hirthdays: Pat Boone, crooner, actor, 62; Martin Brundle, racing driver, 37; Brian Cox, actor and director 50; Gemma Cra-Foster, architect, 61: Jean Lambert, environmentalist chair, Green Party, 46; Sir Robert Megarry, former vice-chancellor of the Supreme Court, 86; Bob Monknouse, comedian, 68; Air Cdre Ruth Montague, former director, WRAF, 57; Paco Robert Powell, actor, 52; Jonethan Pryce, actor, 49; Nigel Short, chess player, 31; Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM, FRS, aviation expert, inventor of the jet en-

Tomorrow's birthdays: Ex-

King Constantine of Greece, 56; Prof Heather Couper, 28tronomer and broadcaster, 47: Mark Elder, conductor, mu-sical director, 49; Dave Boy' Green, boxer, 43; Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 52; The ht Rev Richard Harries. Bishop of Oxford, 60; Rosalyn Higgins, QC, first woman judge on the International Court of Justice, 59; Stacy Keach, actor, 55; Sally Kellerman, actress, 59; Gay Kindersley, racehorse trainer, 66; Sonia Lawson, painter, 43; Carol Shields, novelist, 61; Johnny Speight, script-writer, 76: Craig Stadler, golfer, 43: Francesca Stanlforth, textile designer, 39: Barbara Tate, president. Society of Women Artists. 69 Charlie Watts, drummer, the Rolling Stones, 55; Mark Waugh, cricketer, 31; Steve Waugh, cricketer, 31: David Wheaton, tennis player, 27.

Face to Faith

Nearer to silence

more loudly than words, Recently, 45 people gathered for a Buddhist/Christian retreat at the Amaravati Buddhist monas tery in Hemel Hempstead. Our two retreat leaders, Ajahn Sobhano, a monk at Amaravati and Dom Aldhelm Cameron-Brown, former abbot of Prinknash Benedictine Abbey, led by example. Each time Dom Aldhelm entered or left the hall, he bowed with deep reverence to the Buddha's shrine. On the Sunday, when the Eucharist was celebrated, Ajahn Sobhano pros-trated himself towards the altar. At the end, Dom Aldhelm recalled celebrating the Eucharist in front of 900 monks

in a Buddhist monastery in

India. There, the abbot had thanked him for bringing the living presence of Christ into their Buddhist home. Dom Aldhelm thanked the Buddhists of Amaravati for bringing the life of the Buddha into the hearts of the Christians present on this retreat. The theme of the retrest

was "approaching silence" and we learned that it is only through an authentic and profound silence that we can develop a rootedness in our own tradition which frees us to be open to the riches in another.

The retreat had been organised by the Thomas Merton Society and the life and writings of this Cistercian monk were the inspiration for this dialogue. Merton was regarded by Buddhists as one of the few people in the West who understood their tradition. In 1968, he was allowed to leave his monastery to travel to Asia for a conference (where he was tragically killed in an accident).

Merton took on board concepts and ideas that took others months, even years to understand. It was as if from within his own silence as a monk he could grasp what a Buddhist monk was communicating out of his silence. On his way to the conference, Merton visited Sri Lanka. where he saw the famous reclining statues of the Buddha and Ananada. This experience had the most profound effect on him. He talked and wrote of seeing things at last for the first time. For a Buddhust this would be the experience of dharmakaya —

Two weeks ago, a conference was held in Southampton exploring aspects of Merton's

life and writings. Remaining true to Merton's openness to inter-faith dialogue, medita-tion was led by a member of the Nimatullahi Sufi Order. This was an evocative experience where the fast beating heart, represented by rapid drumming, comes into intimate contact with the all-lov ing God, represented by beautiful flute music. This

mystical side of Islam is not widely known or appreciated, yet in the 1960s, Merton was in regular correspondence with people from this Ajahn Sobhano led us in a

deep and quiet experience of Buddhist meditation; his presence was a witness to the ancient Theravadan monastic tradition which has done so much to value and protect the way of silence. Finally, a Christian took us through a profound and reflective period of meditation. All three experiences of meditation were eloquent in their silence. On the last day of the conference. Christians, Buddhists and Sufi joined together for a Eucharist which was concluded

with the chanting of a Buddhist blessing. Merton always pointed people to an authentic silence within themselves. From this silence, all things

This is what fuelled his own sense of inner peace and vi-sion. It was a false silence if it

ate struggle for justice for the marginalised and disposd. Merton once remarked that the authentic hippy and the monk shared the same vocation, the call to sit on the margins of society and be critical, to see through the superfi-

ciality and hypocrisy of what the world had to offer, And to did not lead to a compassionremind us that we are never fully alive until we know what it is to be fully human.

He saw through the noise and bustle of the world to the silent depths of which we are all capable. Merton urges us to

discover the contemplative within, to walk with those of other traditions and learn to approach silence together.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



MIGLL, SURE OF COURSE. BUT ON ANOTHER LEVEL, I LOVED IT. IT'S THE DARK SECRET OF LOTS OF SOLDIERS-THEY LONE. COMBAT, ITS INTENSITY...





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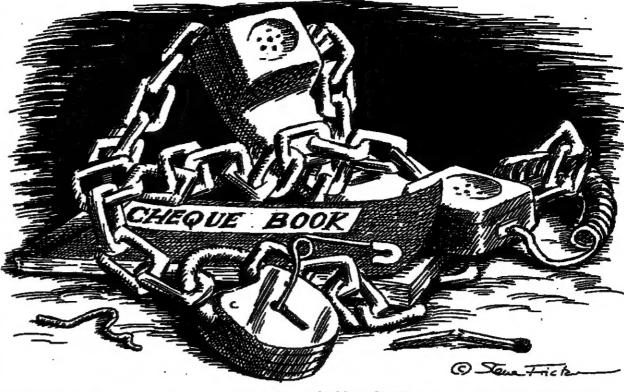
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Two banks move to beef up security measures following fraud attempts

Cliff Jones AVE & Prosper customers and Co-op Bank staff have been told to be more vigilant over Save & Prosper has written to customers after a number of account holders reported eceiving letters requesting ases, customers were told hey had won cash prizes and simply needed to fill in a form with their bank details and a pecimen signature to collect heir winnings. A letter from the bank

without the legitimate holder's knowldge."
According to Mr Leyden
some of the letters have been sent from Nigeria as a part of a well-organised scam which promised recipients a share of large cash windfall — which turned out to be non-existent - if they sent funds to the

The bank says that custom-ers need not be alarmed, as no have been defrauded. It points out that the bank is normally responsible when it pays noney against a forged signa-



ersonal banking customers to be particularly vigilant. Security measures at the Co-op Bank's telephone banking centre have been critirised by the Data Protection Registrar following a Money Guardian investigation last ptember. The bank has told the Registrar that it has changed its procedure of asking for two of the four personal indentification numbers

now requests them in random order. Under the old system, eavesdroppers could easily guess the account holder's PIN number to gain access to their hank account. But further investigation by Money Guardian has revealed that the practice has not been

changed and the bank continues to request the customer's PIN numbers in numerical

that Money Guardian was twice able to access account details without quoting the PIN number. Bank staff con-firmed the caller's identity simply by asking for the account holder's address, date of birth, details of a standing order and the last debit --- all

of which could be obtained from a bank statement. By contrast, Save & Pros-

password and asks for letters in non-sequential order. The Data Protection Regis trar said that security measures within telephone bank-ing "rely on the integrity of the banking staff and telephone operators" and it would emphasise to the bank "the importance of staff training in avoiding compromise of the identity confirmation procedure to ensure compliance

Battle continues to rage on home loan front

ORROWERS can look Sforward to another year of mortgage price wars as the largest building societles gear up for a confrontation with the newly converted

Following last month's building societies conference, he chief executives of the largst remaining societies have rmed a council of war which will devise a strategy to pro-note the message that societ-

by Brian Davis, chief execu-tive of the Nationwide, the task Bradford & Bingley, Yorkshire, Portman, Coventry and Skipton building societies. The group has still to decide what form of co-operation they will pursue, but a "customer char-ter" for building society mem-

bers has been mooted as a first step. Other possibilities could include agreement on a common form of loyalty bonus scheme, offering building society members conversion-style cash

nounced details of its £35 mil-lion bonus scheme which will pay an average of £40 to each

member this year.
The worry for building societies is that their share of the mortgage lending market will fall to between 25 and 30 per cent when the Halifax, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock forsake mutuality next year to become banks. According to David Holmes, a spokesman for the Yorkshire Building Society, the first fruits of the co-opera

tion will be seen by the end of

no question of the group be-

There is a real need to promote the tangible benefits of building society membership. Building societies want to be Building societies want to be singing from the same hymn sheet, but there won't be any artificial aligning of mortgage or savings rates."

While Mr Davis has just become chairman of the Building Societies Association (BSA),

the group's formation will further undermine the BSA's standing among its members. The BSA shares premises and a secreturiat with the Council

well as building societies, and the Association has been criticised for not doing enough to stem the tide of plc conversions.

The price war in the mortgage market continued this week when the Cheltenham & Gloucester, which converted ast year, cut its variable rate to 6.9 per cent. Under its Mort-gage Price Promise scheme, C&G undercuts the average mortgage rate charged by the five other largest lenders. The Alliance & Leicester has also lowered the rate on its threeper cent to 6.75 per cent.

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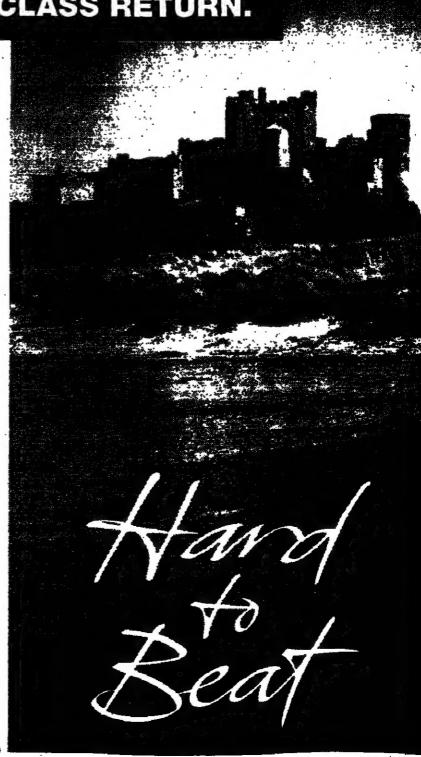
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Facia saviour is bankrupt

Hardy & Willis and Curtess, which he took over from Sears.

As the cash crisis surround-

ing Facia escalated, Sears yes-

terday served a petition in the High Court to put the shoe op-

erations into administration.

Sears still has an interest in

the companies as part of a staggered settlement deal. It is

putting £25 million aside to

cover the disposal costs and is

suspending plans to sell a fur-ther interest in the Saxone

It is understood Sears has been increasingly concerned at the running of Facia and

took the action after the com-pany defaulted on £4 million

which became due yesterday. Sears is believed to have little

confidence in Texas Ameri-

can's plans for the company.

he had told his US partners but had not informed Facia

Helen Clark, a lawyer at the City firm of Eversheds, said

ruptcy order in the High Court on 19 October, 1994, "As yet there has been no distribution

to creditors and Mr Grosvenor remains bankrupt," she said.

Later that year, on November 24, a Dublin solicitor, De-

judgment against Mr Grosve-

nor and two other defendants

for £350,000 plus costs which have been estimated at more

than £100,000. The judgment

needed to compete in car and

truck markets, Lucas shareholders will

receive Lucas Varity shares

new organisation. Varity shareholders will receive

American Depositary

other 38 per cent.

representing 62 per cent of the

The group will be based in

where Lucas has been one of

the region's biggest and most

Sir Brian becomes chair

man of the new group, while

Varity's chief executive. Vic-

tor Rice, moves across in the

same role. George Simpson,

credited with overseeing the deal but has already an-

nounced his departure to hear

GEC.
The merger creates a group

supplying brakes, diesel en-

gines and injectors, electron-ics, electrical systems and

aerospace components in key

markets in Europe, the US and

Lucas's chief executive, is

the UK, although not necessily in the West Midlands.

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Varity deal takes UK automotive supplier

into global top ten. CHRIS BARRIE reports

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that she had made a bank-

about his bankruptcy.

Mr Grosvenor yesterday ac-cepted that his bankruptcy could affect his credibility as a

an. He added that

worth of rental payments

chain to Facia.

Grosvenor says firm was not told

Patrick Donovan City Editor

LLIAM Grosvenor, the encousin of the Duke of Westminster, who is heading attempts by Texas American Group to take over the troubled Facia retail com-pany, last night admitted that he is bankrupt.

Mr Grosvenor, aged 54, a pageboy at the Queen's 1953 Coronation, who is acting as chief executive officer of the US-listed company trying to buy Britain's second largest privately-owned retail chain, has a spent conviction for tax fraud in Britain, for which he received a 12 month suspended sentence and a

£1,000 fine in 1980. He pleaded guilty to plotting to defraud the Inland Revenue by attempting to pass off the £8,500 costs of a grouse shoot as a tax deductible business expense. The conviction is con-sidered spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.

Texas American announced on Thursday that it had agreed to buy Facia, which had been seeking capital. Facia, headed by Stephen Hinchliffe, oper-ates 850 speciality shops, with high-street names including Sock Shop, Salisburys, Red or Dead and Contessa

Mr Hinchliffe, whose affairs have been investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry, also controls shoe shops including Freeman

OTOR components

and aerospace group Lucas Industries

ended its worldwide search for

terms for a £3.2 billion merger

with the American company

largest automotive supplier in

The merger will lead to sev-

mostly in administration, and

a one-off restructuring charge

of £50 million, Lucas chair-

The deal should improve

the group's ability to win in-

bringing together the Lucas

Sir Brian said Lucas had ex-amined a number of compa-

nies with a view to merger but

the board had not talked to

insisted that Lucas would

any other group. Although he

have a bright future without such a deal, City analysts said

the merger would give both

companies the global reach

and Varity product range

ternational contracts by

man Sir Brian Pearse said.

Varity, creating the eighth

eral hundred job losses

a partner yesterday by an-

nouncing that it had agreed

Mr Grosvenor yesterday said he was not a director of the Texas American Group but was acting as its chief executive. He added: "We have come to an agreement to make a contract (to take over Fa-cia)." The deal would be funded out of the company's

own resources. Mr Grosvenor said that the company had not submitted up to date filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission because of the need to take into account recent acquisitions.

According to other documents about Texas American filed in Washington, the company is said to have interests in Internet lottery and casino games. It has stakes in a Neada hotel development and

Portugese holiday businesses.
Facia last night declined to
make any comment. The company has been looking for a capital injection of around £40 million. It is more than six months late filing its account for the year ending January 1995. Accounts for its Sock Shop subsidiary are heavily qualified by the auditors. The DTI investigation into Mr Hinchliffe's affairs are understood to focus on the 1993 collapse of Boxgrey, a company sold by the Sheffleldpased entrepreneur shortly

before it collapsed. Mr Grosvernor is known in the City as an entrepreneur who has also worked as a financial public relations adviser. His name regularly appears in newspaper social pages because of his family connections. He is related to the Aga Khan as well as the Duke of Westminster, He was married in 1966 to Ellen Seeliger, daughter of Germany's Ambassador to Mexico, His mother was one of the four

Lucas takes US partner in £3.2bn merger

Asia, Lucas Varity will have sales of £4.4 billion, market capitalisation of £3.2 billion,

and electronics for Varity's

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Finance director John

Grant said conservative esti-

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Lucas Varity merger

and 55,000 employees. In the longer term, Lucas will supply injection systems

ment Varity's skills.

Lucas £2,9bn



Spent conviction . . . William Grosvenor on his way to court in 1980 when he admitted plotting to defraud the Inland Revenue over the costs of a grouse shoot

as compensation against in-

tervention by a third party -such as a hostile bidder for

Lucas shares ended the day 14p higher at 245p. Investors will receive a second interim

dividend, in lieu of a final divi-dend, of 4.9p a share. Lucas said

revamp the executive share op-

lion, to senior managers at yes-

tion scheme, worth £7.25 mil-

it had yet to decide how to

Lucas Varity £4.4bn

Diesels: 14%

Lloyds TSB

inheritance

Financial staff

offloads part

of Hill Samuel

ILL Samuel, the mer-chant bank with a trou-

bled recent history, is to sell

its corporate finance unit to

Close Brothers, one of the

country's largest indepen-

The deal will more than

donble Close's corporate

finance arm, while reliev-

unwanted Hill Samuel

market crash in October

cs, the investment bank

1987. Since then, for its crit-

has symbolised all that was wrong with TSB's strategy.

Unofficially, Hill Samuel

merged last October and at-

The deal, announced yes-

terday , does not take in Hill

tempts have been made to find a buyer.

Samuel's commercial or private banking operation

But at least a buyer has been found for part of the

bank. The price has not

Alan Moore, deputy chief

aid: "Various options have

been considered and we de-

executive at Lloyds TSB,

cided that Hill Samuel's

part of its business

strategy". Close will more than

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has been up for sale for

years, Lloyds and TSR

inheritance.

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The newly-privatised TSB bought Hill Samuel for £777 million shortly before

Saturday Notebook

Failing brakes on boardroom pay



Edited by Alex Brummer

NYONE who believed that the boardroom pay bandwagon would be brought grinding to a halt by the work of the Greenbury Committee will be disappointed by the outcome of this year's Guardian Index of Top Company Pay. Greenbury has Company Pay. Greenbury has holders to track what is going on with executive remuneration, but as yet it has failed to instil a culture of restraint.

Of course, the main dishar-mony about boardroom pay was with the public utilities where monopolists with not readily transferable skills

were racking up large in-creases, bonuses and share option packages. Some of that is still going on. The bout of takeover fever which struck the water industry this week is already throw ing up some extravagant out-comes. The bidding war for Southern Water, for instance, will allow William Courtney, the chairman, to collect some £1.3 million for his shares and options. No doubt as we see more water amalgamations, and as the utility accounts (most of the companies have a later year-end) start to come in, there will still be plenty to

study in the utilities sector. There is nothing wrong with high executive pay per se Many executives of our largest corporations would argue that like Gianluca Vialli. Chelsea's trophy signing from Juventus, they operate in a global marketplace.

Certainly, in the case of some of the highest earners in the Guardian Index, that appears a reasonable argument Sam Chisholm of BSkyB oper ates in a genuine global media marketplace and has deliv-ered. The same could be said for the UK's pharmaceutical giants, which have created centres of research and indus-trial excellence for Britain. Their skills could, one supposes, be easily transferable globally at matching, if not

more generous, salaries. But that is not the only way f judging executive pay levels. At a time when ever more executives (Sir Desmond Pitcher of United Utilities being the latest) are paying lip service to the stakeholder economy, there needs to be more congruence between pay in the boardroom and that on the shopfloor.

The dislocation between rate of increase of executive pay and that of the great mass of employees (whose average earnings rose 3.25 per cent last year) is grotesque. It does nothing to encourage

pay restraint among the ordi-nary worker but, more importantly, widens differentials at a time when Britain is enjoying great plaudits from the OECD for the structural reforms of its economy, which have belped to increase competitiveness and productivity. What makes the levels of ex-ecutive pay particularly galling is that in many cases in our survey greater profits have been harvested on the back of

lown-sizing, which, whatever its benefits, must be considered morally reprehensible. Finally, despite the elaborate efforts to develop a culture of corporate governance, designed to protect the inter-ests of all shareholders, there is a reluctance of the non-executive directors to pause and say "No" when faced with proposals for over-generous pay increases.

Britsh Gas, the failure of the non-executives to gain a grip on remuneration has done im measurable harm in terms of reputation and image. In an increasingly non-inflationary economy, double-digit rewards in the boardroom will continue to undermine the social coherence in Britain's workforce.

Close race

HERE has been some con-cern that the absorption of the City's larger names — from SG Warburg to Klein-wort — into more globalised European investment banks would be the death knell of traditional service-based merchant banking in London.

In fact, what it seems to have done is to reinvigorate the second-line merchant banking houses, which have seen an opportunity to build a management businesses in a part of the forest abandoned

by their larger competitors. The decision by Close Brothers to take over the cor porate finance division of Hill Samuel (acquired by Lloyds Bank with TSB), whose clients included British Rail, the Channel Tunnel Rail Link and the miracle technology stock MAID Pic. is a decisive step in developing the second tier. Although little known,

Close Brothers is now the UK's third largest quoted merchant bank, with a market capitalsation of £456 million.

& Friedlander, which is push-ing hard in fund management, and Guinness Mahon, which takes a special interest in film finance and the fast-growing multimedia sector, it is enjoy ing something of a renais-sance now that some of the larger players have vanished. Let us hope they have learnt some prudent lessons from their sometimes patchy

Rental ratchet

RITISH Telecom's deci-sion to raise rental charges seems at odds with its bleat that it is losing customers to competitors, es-pecially the cable companies. The sums involved — less than £1 a quarter — are pretty

small. But the increase will be a useful extra argument for BT's rivals, as they try to persuade customers to switch to their own telephone services.

away with claiming that they offer the best value for money ecause myriad individual call patterns make it complex to calculate cost savings, while quality of service is very subjective. The biggest barrier to

switching phone companies, a change of number, will inreasingly disappear as numper portability becomes more widespread later this year. So when it comes to peruading customers to leave BT, no salesman or marketing manager is going to pass up the opportunity of pointing out that BT is the company

It is a point which will carry orce with those people who make only a modest number of calls. They have seen less benefit from the group's reduction of call charges than have high spenders.
On the other hand, they generate little profit for BT, which greatly over their loss.

which raises rental charges

corporate finance depart-ment and its clients would be best served by being part AROL Galley, the highly year, taking her income to deal for Equitas, the multiof 10 to 15 permanent global rated fund manager at Mercury Asset Manage of an institution where more than £1.1 million. billion pound bail-out vehicle from Names in time to pass fund managers charged with The annual report of Merspecialist advice and corpothe Government's solvency for the loss ridden Lloyd's of handling the Equitas portforate finance forms a core test at the end of August.

With Equitas, Mercury can afford the high rollers, says LISA BUCKINGHAM

ment, yesterday blasted through the remuneration lass ceiling to become one of the world's few women to earn more than £1 million a year. Ms Galley, whose corporate investment power was a criti-cal factor in handing victory to Granada's Gerry Robinson in his recent £3.9 billion takeover tussle with the Forte

hotels empire, was given a 23 per cent increase in her pay

ury Asset Mar cury Asset Management (MAM), which also shows two more than £1 million last year states, however, that £400,000 of Ms Galley's package is de-ferred and will depend on her staying with MAM.
If the benefits of deferred

equity gains are stripped out. Ms Galley is the second most highly paid executive at MAM, the country's largest package in the latest financial independent fund manage-

Britons go on a spree

ment group, with more than £80 billion under its aegis. Yesterday it clinched the op-notch contract to handle

MAM gets Lloyd's £10bn and a £1m ma'am

an interim fund management ondon insurance market. It is understood that MAM will bandle the transfer of up to £10 billion of reserves from Lloyd's syndicates, which have traditionally held funds in cash or short-term investments, into the wider stock and bond markets in London,

the US and overse Shares in MAM shot up by 21p to 992p following Equitas' confirmation that the group would be awarded what is one of the biggest fund manage ment contracts seen in the London market

second full year of merger. Another 565 million should

come from tax synergies over

The deal, which is subject to

regulatory clearance in Europe and the US, will not be

completed until September at

the earliest. The agreement

includes a "break-up fee" of

\$25 million (£16.7 million)

payable should either side withdraw. The fee was in-

Varity £1.5bn

cluded at Varity's stipulation | terday's closing price.

MAM is now regarded as almost certain to end up as one lio. A decision on the other slice of the action is expected within two months.

The fund management con-tracts are regarded as some of for international investment groups, even though their profits on the deal may be kep slim by Lloyd's, which is understood to be keen to mini-mise the disruption to worldwide stock markets

Equitas, which has been given conditional approval by the Department of Trade and Industry, is the lynchpin of Lloyd's reconstruction plans, which have to win approval

Motor Components: 63%

Essentially. Equitas will at-tempt to invest money in order to pay all the old claims on the Lloyd's market. It is estimated that Equitas will have between £13 billion and E15 billion in funds, but some of these will stay within the organisation in order to meet mmediate claims — most of which stem from asbestosis and pollution losses in the United States.

double its corporate client list, adding 50 Hill Samuel clients to its own 30. "It would have taken them five years or more to get where they will be in a month's time," said Tony

Cummings, a securities industry analyst for SBC

Dame gives bank a wigging

and Toresa Hunter

ECORD levels of consumer borrowing and a spring jump in house prices to a four-and-a-half year high fuelled hopes yesterday of an imminent boom in the

domestic economy. Households are taking on more debt to snap up high street bargains, according to figures from the Bank of England. Net consumer credit hit £1 billion in April, up from £700 million the previous month and the highest figure since the series began in 1993. This prompted the Chancellor to claim that consumer

confidence had returned to

and to advise the Prime Minister to delay the date of the next one as long as possible. "The longer he delays it, the better the economy will be," Kenneth Clarke said. City analysts, who had pencilled in a modest £700 million

the level of the last election

figure for personal debt, welcomed the Bank's data as evidence of growing optimism in the personal sector.

Jonathan Loynes, of brokers HSBC Greenwell, said: "This is a pretty unambiguous signal that consumers are feeling more confident about the future, with the last Budget's tax cuts making themselves felt in people's pockets." Bank officials said borrowing, buoyed by credit card

lending — which rose from £170 million to £300 million had returned to levels last seen in the 'Lawson boom' years of the late 1980s. The Bank also said that the number of mortgages ap-

proved had risen to 84,000 compared to 81,000 in March. The Nationwide, Britain's second-biggest building society, said property prices were 1.4 per cent higher in May than they were a year ago pushing the price of an average home to £52,909, the highest since December 1991. Although values are still well below their peak of al-

points. The annual general meeting most £63,000 in 1989, the Nationwide is confident that prices are on an upward perilously far away.

Tony May

HE green-wigged pantomime dame protesting that HSBC lacked a moral dimension was carried out by four bouncers at 12.30pm before the board won a vote approving a controversial bonus scheme which will give executive directors shares worth up to a quarter of their salaries (which average £219,000) if earnings outstrip inflation by more than 2

of the Midland Bank's owner had been going for one and a half hours, and for staider shareholders, lunch seemed

Time was when AGMs were conducted in a respectful atmosphere, with shareholders raising their voices only if the dividend was too low. Now protest groups routinely use these occasions to

probe for a moral pulse beneath the corporate flesh. The chairman, Sir William Purves, tried the schoolmasterly approach and let the bouncers loose with evident reluctance. He dearly wanted to get across his message that results for the first quarter of the current year are encourag ing, with attributable profit

ahead of our plan". Most shareholders sympathised when he said: "In an environment where margins remain under competitive

this year is to keep revenues growing faster than costs." But the protesters --- organised by students from 20 universities — focused on alleged financing of arms sales to Iraq by Midland Bank before it was acquired by HSBC (the Scott Report found there had been no impropriety) and its trade in countries with a bad civil rights record; and asked why the majority of board members were "male and white". Answering criticism from a

shareholder on the lenient treatment of the demonstrators, Sir William looked wistful as he said: "I hope that one day, before I retire. I can chair a meeting in London with a civilised atmosphere.

News in brief

extradited

An American federal judge yesterday ordered Italian fi-nancier Giancarlo Parretti, one-time owner of film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer, to be extradited to France, where he faces charges of fraud, theft and embezzlement. In a written ruling, US District Judge Stephen Hillman found that "the extradition of Parretti is proper".
The charges stem from Mr

Parretti's ownership of MGM which he bought in November 1990, and his dealings with Credit Lyonnais Nederland Bank, one of France's largest financial institutions, which loaned him \$145 million to bai out MGM out of its financial trouble on condition that the financier resigned as head of

the company. Prosecutors claim Mr Parretti misappropriated money from MGM for his personal

Ex-MGM owner | gain and cost Credit Lyonnais \$888 million in bad loans to other companies he owned.

> Tupperware's party Tupperware, maker of the ubiquitous plastic containers, yesterday made its debut as a ompany with its own Wall Street listing. The company is striking out on its own after 10 years as a division of Premark

New Thorn chief

Hugh Jenkins, former chairman of the giant Prudential Portfolio Managers, will become chairman of Thorn group when Sir Colin South. zate steps down next Spring following the demerger in August from its EMI music business. Thorn is also appointing Peter Hojland, president of Denmark's Superfos, and Paul Preston, chief executive of McDonald's Restaurants in the UK, as non-executive board members.

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Smiling through . . . Workers paste up an election poster of President Yeltsin and Moscow mayor Yuri Luzhkov. Yelstin pledged to restore normal life for Russians impoverished since the Soviet Union collapsed.

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MOCKBUY Russia's old guard learns a new drill

weeks to release. It was preceded by well publied rumours of furious internal dissent, all denied. But the economic programme of the Russian Communist Party is now out. Witheringly disdainful of the economic mistakes of the radical reformers, the Communists, too, have finally had to

pin their colours to the mast. It has been painful to watch Most of their time was spent lenying they would follow policies of the far left — rena-tionalisation of industry and the banks, re-imposition of price-fixing and exchange controls, the re-erection of import tariffs, and resurrection of central planning.

Neither of the two main eco-nomic spokespeople for the Communists call themselves Communists. Tatyana Koryagina is a professional econo-mist, a former Yeltsin adviser, who works in an institute formerly financed by the Minis. try of Economics and knows

the minister of economics, Yevgeny Yasin, very well. Last week Mr Yasin wrote a letter to his prime minister, that if President Veltsin car ried out his campaign spending promises, Russia's foreign serves of \$16 billion (£10.4 reserves of \$16 billion (2.10.2 billion) would be wiped out, the budget deficit would be insustainable and the foreign exchange and securities marets would crash. Not in some distant future, but in Septem-ber. Professor Koryagina sim-ply smiled: "Chernomyrdin knows that too.'

Communist is Yuri Maslukov. chairman of the economic committee of the Duma, for merly vice-premier and chair-man of Gosplan, the flawed

Soviet central planning beast. He is an industry chief. Before heading the entire militaryindustrial complex, Mr Maslukov was chief engineer of Iz-mash, a giant city-state of a plant which produced cars, Kalashnikov sub-machine guns and "a few other inter-

esting things". Today Mr Maslukov sits in his office in the Duma and smiles when informed about Mr Yeltsin's manifesto pledge to support Russian industry. If they have used something from our programme, this would be good news."

For him, there is no ques-tion of destroying Russia's relationship with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), closing Russian markets to foreign imports, or launching his country down the road to hyper-inflation.

For Yuri Maslukov there is no question of destroying Russia's relationship

"We are not speaking about closing Russia to foreign imports. We are talking about the regulation of imports by internationally accepted methods: quotas, licences and taxation. Belgium has a quota of 18,000 tons of Russian metal. We are ready to export 180,000 tons of metal, but the Beigian government defends the interests of Belgium metal producers. And that's as it

should be." Nor does Mr Maslukov seek a divorce with the IMF, whose \$10.2 billion, paid in monthly tranches, is conditional on keeping monthly inflation at 1 per cent and the budget deficit at 3 per cent of GNP. "The West is not imposing any models of development on us. The IMF has an elaborated group of criteria which it apolies to countries like Columbia and Peru in the same way it applies to Russia.

"The defect of today's gov-ernment in Russia consists in the fact that it is incapable of organising its relations with the IMF, and incapable of deter mining Russia's role in the in-

ternational division of labour.'
Izmash, his former factory, used to have 60,000 workers. Today it has 40,000, but produces only 3 per cent of what: did in his time there. "This means that the factory is almost at a standstill, and 80 per cent of the workers should by rights be dismissed. Therefore the real level of unem-ployment is really much higher than the official level.

with the International Monetary Fund

To combat this, Mr Maslukov, who has been tipped as a future prime minister, intends to kick-start the Russian economy by immediately get-ting the food industry and small firms going, by lower-ing taxes. Inflation would go up again, he admits.

But I am not afraid of a 4 per cent monthly inflation figure if I have 7 per cent economic growth in the branches of industry with a quick, by which I mean three-monthly, turnover cycle. Printing money would be immediately combated by a quick increase in products." It is a classic Keynesian recipe with Rus-

touches. Import tariffs would be selective, protecting lower-quality goods where Russia's domestic industry can compete, but keeping the market

for luxury foreign goods. Speaking with a large Sony television set behind him, and a Sony tape recorder in front, conversation to television sets The Soviet Union used to produce II million. It now mal 700,000 and imports seven mil-lion. He would want five million produced domestically and two million imported.

"Compared to the West, Russian industry is low-quality, more energy- and materialconsuming, and needs more labour, and the product is to save it, is to lower the prices for energy and raw materials.' The Japanese touches are

the programme's use of bank-led monopolies, the so-called financial industrial groups, which are industrial empires built around powerful banks.

But free and open competi-tion this is not. One of the criticisms of the second stage of privatisation, where the banks got their hands on large portions of Russian Industry is the way that entire indus trial towns such as Norilsk, the world's leading nickel plant, were sold at a fraction of real market value.

Little if anything remains of the Marxist-Leninist ideology which once inspired Gosplan. What remains is nationalist pragmatism, and an absolute dread of letting Russia's fac-

tories close altogether. Compared to Russia's eco nomic problems today, Gos plan's difficulties were chicken-feed, its former chair man maintained. So saying, he lit his third cigarette of the

Engineer's fate in bank's hands ALEX DUVAL SMITH reports on the marketing of a classic

Financial staff

ERMAN engineering group Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz, brought to the brink of collapse by a sbock £270 million loss, said yesterday that it is working on a rescue plan with its main hareholder and banker, Deutsche Bank, as well as other

creditors. The governments of North Rhine Westphalia and Cologne, where KHD is based, are reported to be taking part in the talks to save the equipdecision is expected next week. Time could be important, Under German law, if a

company is facing possible bankruptcy, it has only 21 days to work out a rescue plan before having to start insol-

said KHD's Steffen Mueller. 'It is likely we will have a press conference next week to announce what will be done." A spokeswoman for the au-thorities in Cologne, where more than half KHD's 9,000

workforce is employed, said: "We certainly do not rule out direct subsidies, as long as they are within regulations and financially feasible." brink after discovering "ac-tual and potential losses" which it claims were con-

cealed by managers at its Humboldt Wedag subsidiary. Deutsche Bank, which owns

just under 50 per cent of the company, acquired its holdvency proceedings.
"The talks are continuing." ing as part of a previous ... restructuring programme which saw Germany's bigges bank invest some DM500 mil-lion in the company. The KHD deficit was discov

ered a week ago, when a man-ager at Humboldt Wedag confessed to belping cover up losses on three cement factories being built for customers in Saudi Arabia.

On Wednesday, the comof the subsidiary's employees, including the chief executive and two other management

board members. Prosecutors are investigating claims that The affair is the latest in a series of setbacks for Deutsch Bank. It was hit by los Metalleesellschaft and then again by problems at the Schneider property group whose head, Jürgen

Schneider, is now in jail in

Germany, awaiting trial. The group's creditors will be under pressure to keep the conglomerate away from the bankruptcy courts. If the group was allowed to go under, it would be the second many months, following the fall of the shipyards group,

Sofia grinds to a halt over austerity measures

Financial staff

RAFFIC in the Bulgarian capital, Sofia, was grid-locked again yesterday as taxi drivers resumed a blockade of parliament square in the city centre over rising petrol

prices.
The higher fuel prices are part of an austerity package brought in by the government in an attempt to tackle the country's economic crisis.
"It has been difficult for me

to survive on my 5,000 lev (£23) monthly wage but now I have no hope," said Boryana Tso-lova after learning that coffee prices had doubled overnight. Many shops remained closed as their owners marked up prices of goods following

the government's four per-centage point increase in VAT to 22 per cent on Thursday. The socialist cabinet, struggling to avert economic collapse, has also imposed a new 5 per cent tax on most imported goods, big rises in excise duties on alcohol and

tobacco and an 80 per cent fuel price rise. Worried citizens rushed to stockpile consumer goods or to convert savings into dollars in anticipation of higher inflation. Some restaurants started putting dollar prices on their menus due to wild

swings in the currency. sures are designed to raise an extra 140 billion levs to help pay for economic reforms agreed last Monday with the

International Monetary Fund. Under the reforms, nearly 30,000 people will lose their jobs as big state loss-makers are closed down. Up to five insolvent banks are also expected to be shut.

In return for the measure the cabinet should win IMF loans of up to £300 million and further funds from the World Meanwhile, Sofia taxl

drivers and the city's public transport workers plan another strike on Monday.

Major to minor as Italian discos begin to miss beat

John Glover in Rimini

T'S a metal, motorised samba, an endless line of cars driving nose to tail along the seafront in Rimini, the Italian seaside town that is the spiritual capital of the country's disco industry. Out of season. Saturday night is samba night. In the holiday season it's every night, as through town before heading for nightspots scattered around Rimini and the sur-

rounding countryside.
Once they would drive from one disco to another. Now, after years of crescendo, the music in Italian discotheques has slowed and gone into minor key. Italy's disco indus-try is suddenly having to come to terms with picky customers, increasingly reluc-tant to part with their hardearned cash, and unconvinced over whether to go dancing or to do something else. Though the disco remains the queen of the night, it is having to come to accept the growing popular ity of alternatives such as dis-

cobars, pubs and live music." "The business has always grown. Now it's stable," says Ennio Sanese, vice president association which runs a disco in Rimini. Giuseppe Chicchi, the mayor of Rimini,

says, however, that between 1994 and 1995 there was a fall

around 15 per cent. To add to its woes, the industry is the target of attacks by preachers, parent groups and politicians, who claim that "il ballo" — dancing has too much to do with "lo - flipping out.

The last parliament did plan to do something—the wrong thing, according to clubowners. It tried to force the discos to close early, a move the owners insist would have solved nothing.
"The kids would just have
gone somewhere else...the
law didn't affect bars," says

Mr Sanese. The idea fell with the last parliament but the in-dustry still worries that it may be revived by the new one. Club-owners complain that they are taxed unfairly hard. On top of Italy's high standard rate of tax, they have to pay an especially high rate for per-forming rights. This pushes

up the tax take to more than 60 per cent, they say. "Keeping only 40 per cent of the takings just isn't enough," says Mr Sanese. In fact, not many cough up that much off the record, club-owners ad mit that tax evasion is rife. the Italian disco industry remains enormous, Accordthan 5,000 discos, with an average capacity of about 1,000. Italians are prepared to spend money, too. Figures published by the SIAE, the organisation which collects performers' rights, show that in 1994 Itallans spent almost 2.4 trillion lire (£1 billion) on entertainment. In Emilia-Romagna, the region to which Rimini belongs, more than 51 per cent went into club-

On some estimates, the disco industry accounts for about 150,000 jobs. Rimini, for example, has profited from its position as spiritual home to discodom by hosting every March the industry's most important annual trade fair, where those from lighting manufacturers to interior de

signers display their wares.
The popularity of the March
fair with young disco-goers
meant it was hard to get serious business done. So the fair has been split into two events a hardware show in March, with entry restricted to the trade, and a lifestyle, fashion and music event called Nightwave — also in Rimini

which opens today. When Nightwave closes at midnight, visitors can get into their cars and join the samba through town before heading for the nightlife. Most will be out until four in the morning but not necessarily at a disco.

a further 0.65 per cent of

Spain's biggest bank, Banco Santander, for £31 million. The purchase raises Royal

Bank's stake in Santander to

4.94 per cent. "We're content

with 4.94 per cent [of Santan-

der]," said deputy finance di-rector Grahame White-

no intention of going above

head said yesterday. "We have

Update

□ Fininvest vice-chairman Giancarlo Foscale has been arrested on suspicion of balance-sheet fraud, the Italian company said yesterday. Mr Foscale is one of several Fininvest executives suspected of having falsified balance sheets from 1989 to 1995 to create offshore slush-funds. The arrests come as Fininvest's television subsidiary Media-Prime Minister Silvio Berlus-

coni, is preparing for an ini-

tial public offering next month — Bloomberg.

ing to the SILB, there are more

☐ France's Lyonnaise des Eaux is planning to invest £73 million to improve water supplies to Poznan in western Poland, company chairman Jerome Monod said yesterday. Most of the money will be spent on a water purification plant.

☐ The Royal Bank of Scotland has exercised an option to buy

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this amount."



Saint Laurent à bas couture

firm has secured what must be the fashion list Yves Saint Laurent's

legendary women's dinner jacket in its catalogue. The cover of La Redoute's autumn-winter catalogue will feature the supermodel Sybil Buck sporting a genu-ine YSL evening suit, in wool and polyester. Launched in 1966 and fea-

tured in every YSL collection since, the women's eve-ning suit was made famous in Britain by the Princess of Wales. Her made-to-mea sure version costs francs112,000 (£1,500) at YSL in Paris. La Redoute's

costs a mere Fr 2,600 (£350). YSL's decision to enter the mass market with such a classic design comes at a time when haute couture companies are struggling for business. Fashion observers say the top Paris couturiers shared 15,000 clients in 1947, against fewer than 300 now.

During the last three years, the number of designers at the Paris haute couture shows has dropped from 21 to 14. With the cost of creating a collection at around £400,000 — and supermodels charging up to £15,000 per show -- conturiers such as Grès, Lanvin and Cardin are reported to be laying off staff. Yves Saint Laurent was

unwilling to comment on the deal with La Redoute, France's biggest mail-order firm. But Malme Arnodin, a public relations consultant who negotiated the deal, said: "I have been trying to convince Saint Laurent for

"There was resistance for a long time, but now I think he can see the advantages," she added. "It is marvellous for women of 25 to be able to have a genuine Saint Laurent. They might get a taste for it."

La Redoute, a 160-yearold company which with its rival, Les 3 Suisses, controls the French mail-order market, refused to say how many YSL suits it expects to sell. "It will be our most prestigious item but not necessarily our top seller,'

said a spokeswoman. Rven though the YSL deal is a coup for La Redoute it is not the first time a French mail order company has en-listed a top designer. Issey Miyake, Karl Lagerfeld, Sonia Rykiel and Vivienne Westwood have previously Getting the taste . . . Sybil Buck in La Redoute's edition of the timeless YSL dinner suit. | order companies.

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The gold diggers of Britain plc

Members of the £1 million pay club earn in one week what the average man earns in a year. So the results of a new Guardian investigation, showing that Britain's top bosses awarded themselves increases of 19 per cent last year, will add fuel to the fire in the election run-up. **Today, LISA BÜCKINGHAM** and SARAH WHITEBLOOM look behind the headlines to expose the truth about boardroom excess



HE capacity of Brit-ain's boardrooms to cause untimely political upsets has with the disclosure that top executives gave themselves pay rises last year of nearly 19 per cent — roughly five times both inflation and the average increase in earn-

ings.
Such large pay rises at the top of industry are bound to embarrass the Prime Minister, who attempted to neuter the debate on executive remu neration by establishing the Greenbury Committee to investigate the entire issue.

That top level inquiry team, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, and including business luminaries such as Sir Michael Angus, published guidelines last year on the structure of boardroom sala ries and perks.

But, while the standard of disclosure in annual reports has improved, the new agends has done little to dampen the pace of directors' pay rises. The 10 most highly remunerated bosses all earned more than £1 million, the

equivalent of £19,230 every eek - almost exactly what the average full-time male worker earns in a year. Large salary rises — only nine FTSE-100 bosses took pay

cuts last year - have, at least, seen matched by company performance where earnings per share rose in the same period by an average of 24 per

cent. But that increase in earnings was primed by the loss of 25,000 jobs from FTSE-

100 companies. The Guardian Index of Top Executive Pay appears to show that the Greenbury Committee's advocacy of the idea that directors' earnings should be more closely linked to corporate performance is providing a short-term excuse for boardroom salaries to rise even more sharply.

And, although the commit-

tee's formation was prompted by public furore over the pay and perks at the top of newly privatised companies, government attempts to keep the lid on the debate are this year being tested by traditional and longer-term members of FTSE-100 companies.

So far, very few of the priva-tised utilities and former government-owned corporations have published annual reports for 1995/96, so salary increases for their directors are not yet included.

In absolute terms, the 19 per cent average increase for the most highly-paid executives appears relatively modest. In only three of the eight years since the Guardian Index was launched in 1988 have average pay rises at the top of industry

The heady period of the late 1960s threw up average increases of 27 per cent and 33 per cent. Only with the sharp economic and profit downturn of the early 1990s did top pay begin to reign back, even dipping into single figures (9 per cent) for two of the survey years.

But the dislocation between the percentage increase in top executive pay and in average earnings has been wider only once in the past eight years when, in 1992, boardroom increases ran at 6.7 times the increase in earnings, compared with 5.3 times in the latest survey and a low of 1.2 times in

Only once since 1988 has the rate of executive pay rises run at such a large multiple of in-flation. That was two years ago, when a profits rebound triggered bonus and incentive payments which ended by giving the most highly paid directors an average rise of around

25 per cent. It is not only among the most highly paid directors that large increases have been seen. The enhanced role of non-executive directors following the Cadbury and Greenbury studies — which

foods giant Grand Metropoli-

Almost as highly remunerated as a professional non-ex-ecutive is Sir Peter Walters, the former boss of BP, whose chairmanship at Smith-Kline Beecham and Blue Circle, deputy chairmanship at HSBC and Thorn EMI plus a non-executive seat at the Saatchi advertising group, Cor-diant, last year pulled in

But industry chiefs argue that non-executive directors on remuneration committee are doing more to earn their money and are taking their duties more seriously.

Sir Michael Angus, non-ex-ecutive chairman of Whit-bread, chairman of Boots and deputy chairman of British Airways, said: "Remuneration committees are for the first time having to write a report themselves and, as a result, there is a greater feeling of accountability

He maintained that the emphasis was on ensuring a rigorous and proper process of setting remuneration rather than on restricting the rising Sir Michael said, however, that he had found that in general non-executives were understanding their respon sibilities" more clearly.

EWS that nonexecutives are duties more ser ously will be welcomed by sharebolders. But critics are bound to ask why this step-change in non-executive scrutiny has been so long coming. It is now five years since the Cadbury report on boardroom ethics and there has been mounting public pressure for a tighter rein on boardroom salaries by independent directors for nore than a decade.

Sir Richard Greenbury whose last reported salary would have put him in the UK's 20 best remunerated executives, may not have achieved moderation in boardroom pay rises, but he has given impetus to the improved quality of disclosi which was enhanced in the

vake of the Cadbury report. It is now standard for companies to detail the pay pack-ages of each named director rather than just the chairman and highest paid, as was the case a few years back. The disclosure of share option values cent rise last year (he reaped £1.05 million from the company's long-term share incentive scheme) or whether 5 per cent (the increase in his basic plus annual cash bonus, now totalling £668,700) is a fairer

Similarly, the headline increase in pay for BSkyB's chief executive, Sam Chisoolm, was 609 per cent. But improved levels of disclosure

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Supporters contend, however, that the LTIPs do at least introduce the notion of performance elements (share option plans were frequently not related to corporate improve ment). Under the best of them these criteria can be toughened. And, whatever the wind fall gains in the boardroom.

The top 10 earners £2.02m (3) SmithKline Beecham £1.80m Cariton Communications Royal Bank of Scotland Sir Christopher Lewinton Ti Group NatWest

Noise: 1, Before currency translation. 2, includes long term bonus profits. 3. exclude figiation bonus of £2.7 million. 4, subsequently left group. eye because their income will 22.7 million of his £4.7 million pay package was a one-off flo-tation bonus with another have been improved. But crit-ics complain that improved £1.62 million of performance disclosure simply allows com

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a profit of 26.8 million on his share rights. As yet, companies have been able to dodge disclosing the sometimes enormous costs which substantial pay rises for older executives can mean in terms of pension benefits. The Stock Exchange and Department of Trade and Industry are still deliberating

which method should be used

to calculate the cost of top ex-

bonuses on top of a basic pay package of £392,000. In addi-

tion, Mr Chisholm is enjoying

scutives' pension payments. Even so, several senior directors were given six-figure pension payments. Peter Job. chief executive of Reuters, for example, was given a pension Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, had a pension pay-

ment of £138,000. Figures for pension contri-butions substantially larger than these are expected to emerge in next year's annual reports as companies come to grips with Greenbury's ass tion that the true value of pensions should be disclosed. Senior executives given large pay rises just a couple of years before retirement could well have pension benefits pay-

ments into seven figures. It is clear from this year's Guardian Index that almost all companies have decided to follow the Greenbury recommendation that long-term incentive plans (LTIPs) should be installed to link the rewards of directors more closely with the fortunes of their share-

holders. Most new incentive plans are being put to annual meetings for shareholder approval. but it is clear that a number of companies have decided to brave the disapproval of inves tors by establishing LTTPs in addition to, rather than instead of, share option

Although a number of LTIPs appear flaccid in terms of the performance criteria needed to trigger executive benefits, there appears to have been some toughening in recent months. Nevertheless, the rewards many of these schemes will yield are phenomenal. For example, directors and managers at British Petroleum will share in shares worth £33 million at current

to face the unpalatable spec-£1.73m (1 tacle that while basic pay will £1.72m (2) become a smaller proportion of overall earnings, that same hasic pay will not be cut and indeed can be expected to increase by a factor of inflation. £1.2m £1.12m (4) The risk element will simply begin to appear as the lam on £1.0m the top. There will be riches

aplenty for top-notch perfor-mance but nothing to be lost if performance goes backwards. Remuneration consultant MM&K suggests that, in addi-tion, "Greenbury could be-come directly responsible for increasing boardroom pay by alerting every director in the UK to the packages of his

dation that a larger propor-tion of earnings be linked to corporate performance means Britain is heading into several

years of substantial ratchet-

ing up of boardroom pay. Yes, the amount of remu-

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come closer to the US model

where, typically, 50 to 75 per

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But UK executives have

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ably resistant to the notion of

cutting their basic pay. This means shareholders are likely

performance will increase and

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counterparts in competitor companies". This adherence to safety first for members of the boardroom is also apparent in the refusal of all but a smattering of FTSE-100 companies, such as Hanson, to abide by the spirit of the Greenbury Committee recommendation that standard service contracts for senior executives should be for one year only.

Most companies have concluded that their executives

are far too special to risk pock-

eting only 12 months salary if they are sacked for underper-forming. Instead, the writers of annual reports are currently choosing to shield executives still enjoying two or three-year contracts behind Greenbury's list of potentially allowable exceptions.

Shareholders may not yet have come to grips with board room pay, but pressure from investors has had a substantial impact on companies'
willingness to shell out for political purposes. Directors have been gradually cutting corporate contributions to the Conservative Party. Research by the Guardian has revealed that only a few loyal top companies are now giving to Tory coffers, and contributions are a fraction of what they were

before the last election. It is estimated that the 12 remaining contributors from the FTSE-100 gave the Conservatives around £520,000 last year, less than half the amount given in the run-up to the last election, when three

times as many firms donated. Next year, Tory finances could suffer further. Drugs giant Glaxo, which donated £8,000 last year, has said it does not plan to continue giv-ing. Legal & General, which has traditionally donated around \$30 000 has not sought investor backing for further contributions.

But the top 100 are still giving to good causes. The Guardian Index reveals that the UK's biggest companies do-nated more than £1.1 billion ast year to charities. This represented an average donation of £100,000 per firm but some companies gave far more. Glaxo Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals giant, made donations last year totalling £23.2 million.

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placed greater emphasis on independent directors — is also being reflected in pay A notable, if untypical, ex-

ample is Dick Giordano, currently executive but formerly non-executive chairman of British Gas and the man responsible for fuelling the top pay debate by agreeing to a 75 per cent pay rise for his then chief executive, Cedric Brown. Mr Giordano earned nearly £840.000 last year from his FTSE roles which, in addition to his stewardship at British Gas, include BOC, mining group RTZ and drinks and

and windfalls is also improved, allowing shareholders to discover that on top of an apparently modest salary of £292,000, the Argos chief executive, Mike Smith, reaped profits of £614,900 on his options, while Richard Lanthorne, the finance director at British Aerospace, netted £1.1 million on the sale of part

of his option holdings. The Greenbury reporting model (adopted ahead of deadline by most companies) also allows shareholders to debate whether Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Commu nications, received a 170 per

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panies to try to justify the un-justifiable. By producing lengthy and detailed reports

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